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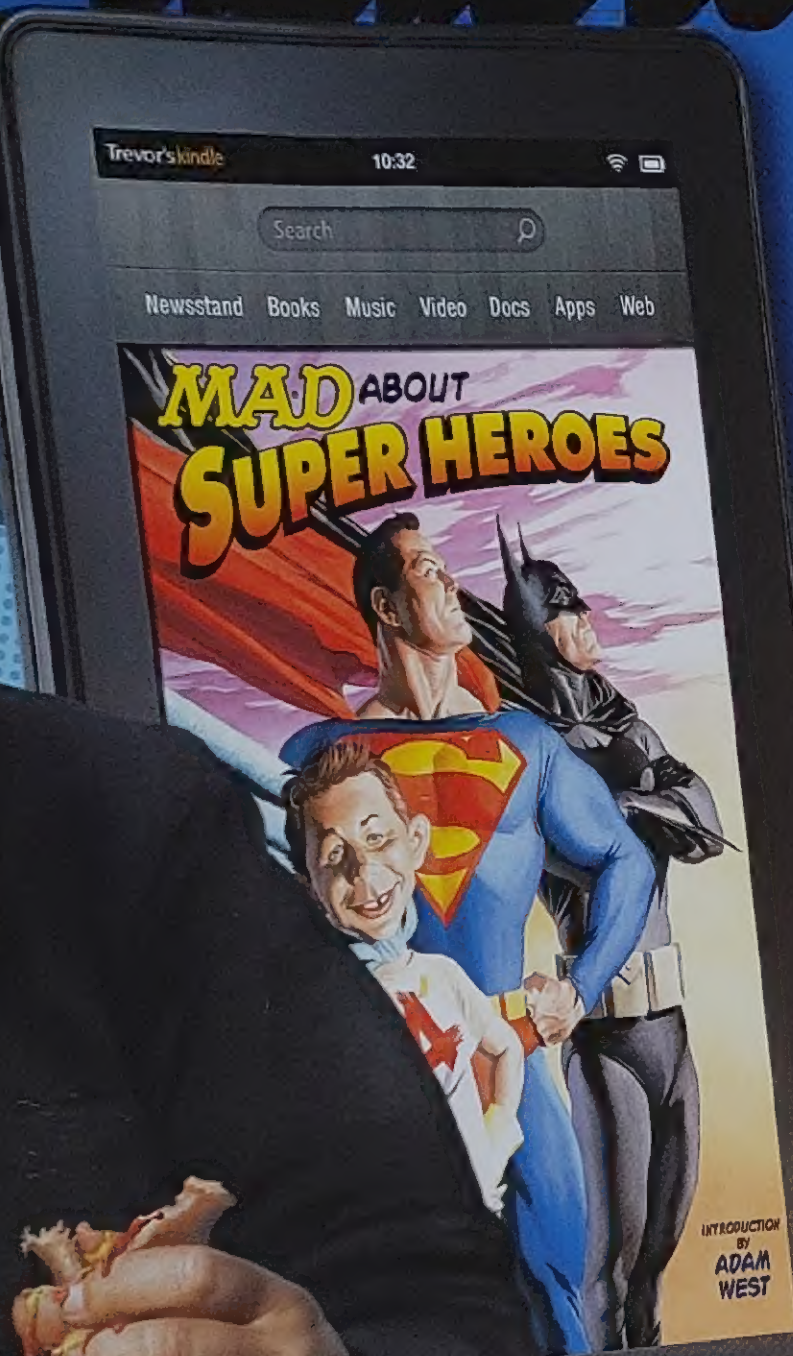


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# Letters and Tomatoes

## TIGER, TIGER, NOT SO BRIGHT

As appreciative as I am of the insights and penetrating humor of your publication, my appreciation of #513 was marred by a typo in item 10 ("Tiger Moms") of your MAD 20. Having just returned from several years of work in China to the "Tiger Mom" phenomenon in all its hubristic, racist excess, I was enthralled by this article until I encountered the term "Laogia" — which is a typo. The word you were referring to is "Laogai." While the typo detracted somewhat from your brilliant article on this subject, I'm presuming that all MAD readers are multilingual and that your mailbox is overflowing with letters from others who caught this typo even before I did.

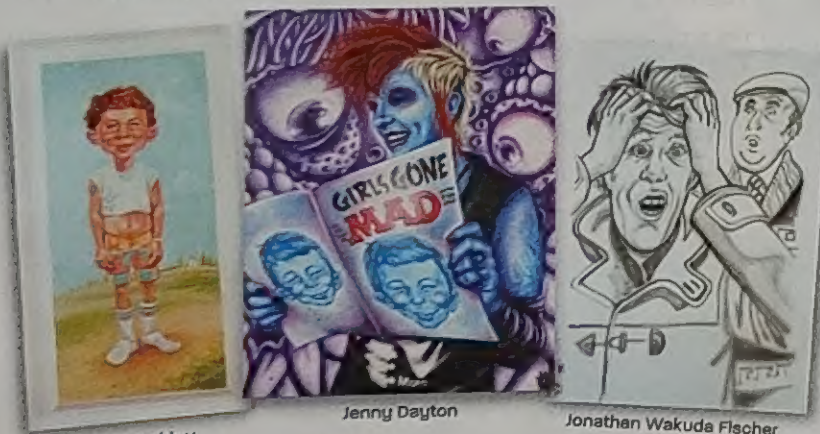
Kirby Vining • Washington, DC

**Kirby Your Enthusiasm** — Amazingly, you're the first to notice that mistake. You're also the first to use the term "hubristic, racist excess" in the letters pages (we're guessing you were super-duper-popular in China)! But it's not our readers' fault for overlooking that typo — after all, they were raised by lazy, shiftless American mothers who never bullied them into studying 12 hours a day! Their loss! —Ed.



## GETTING TO THE ART OF THE MATTER

If you were in the Seattle area recently, hopefully you stopped by Urban Light Studios to see their exhibit, "It's a MAD MAD MAD MAD Show: Inspirations from MAD Magazine." It featured a bunch of MAD-themed artwork from a bunch of different non-MAD artists. If you missed it, don't beat yourself up (seriously, life goes on, you know?) — you can check out a ton of pics from the show at [urbanlightstudios.com](http://urbanlightstudios.com)!



Kim Berkley

Jenny Dayton

Jonathan Wakuda Fischer



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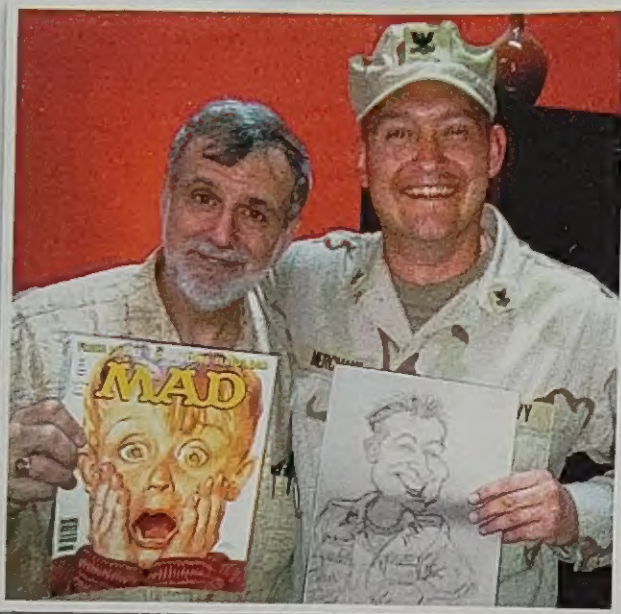
Xavier Lopez, Jr.

## ALL SAILS FINAL

It was real cool to see your art director Sam at one of our USO tents in Kuwait for the troops! He gave a great drawing of myself and signed one issue he worked on back from 1991! It's people like him who bring "home" a little closer and make the madness of deployment a little better.

Sean Merchant, Sailor Sean Stuck in the Sand, NAVELSG-FORWARD • Bravo Company

**Merch Table** — First off, thank you for your service. Secondly, an even BIGGER thank you for taking Sam off our hands for a few days! (That guy can be more trouble than a Lohan!) For those of you who didn't know, back in October, MAD Art Director Sam Viviano went with members of the National Cartoonists Society on a USO trip to Kuwait, Germany and an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia to entertain the troops. At least, that's what it was supposed to be about — we have serious suspicions that Sam only went so that he could get the free airline headphones. You can read all about Sam's experiences overseas on our blog, [Theldiotical.com](http://Theldiotical.com)! —Ed.



## THE DUMB PERCENT

First, on Sunday, I went to Occupy Wall Street as the Black Spy. So if you see a kid in a Spy vs. Spy costume, it's me. Second, in issue 512, in the MAD departments, it said that on page 39 you would have "MAD Asks: What If Pirates Wore Gloves?" Instead, I found part of "Punitive Damages." Rory MacLeod • Montclair, NJ

**MacLeod With a Chance of Meatballs** — Hmm...those two things seem unrelated, but we think we understand. After looking for that article and not finding it where you were told it'd be, you felt betrayed. You'd been lied to by a large, heartless corporation (that's us!) and felt angry. You yearned to have your voice heard — and that's how you wound up at OWS. Wow! We can't help but wonder how many others are at Zuccotti Park just because of MAD and our sloppy index paging! Could we appease this entire movement just by making a simple correction? Could it really be that easy to bring peace back to the warring classes?!? Unfortunately, we'll never know. After all, we're not only large and heartless, but also remarkably lazy. So stop whining and get a job, hippie! —Ed.



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# Letters and Tomatoes



## SPY FAMILY REUNION

Some family reunions are just cooler than others. Case in point — take a look at what happened when the family of *Spy vs. Spy* creator Antonio Prohias got together! His son Antonio and his daughter Marta Rosa Pizarro Prohias (in front, wearing red shirts) got in the full *Spy* spirit! Maybe we're getting overly sentimental, but we just have a special place in our heart for any family that purchases that much MAD merchandise!

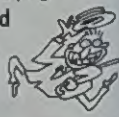


## NOT-SO-URGENT ISSUES

I am 12 years old. I am a huge fan of the magazine. I have been reading it since I was five and I still remember when I got in trouble for reading MAD in 2nd grade because my teacher thought it was a bad influence. But do you think I care? No! But one more thing — why does it take 2 months for each MAD? There is a MAD TV episode every week. Why not the magazine?

Ben Hantske • Annapolis, MD

Hants in the Pants — That's a very good question. It seems like a TV show would be harder to create than a magazine — and that a magazine would come out more often than a TV show, right? But you're forgetting one very important factor — and we repeat — we're *extremely* lazy! On the other hand, when was the last time you picked up an issue of MAD, only to discover it's a rerun? Hmmm?!? —Ed.



## SPY VS. SPY SIGHTING?

An eagle-eyed reader sent in this picture of the Nano Café in Monrovia, CA, adding, "I think the White Spy may be moonlighting as a fry cook. Or maybe the food he's flipping is poisoned. Well, it's not an exact match, but it reminded me of *Spy vs. Spy*." It rang a bell for us, too — just take a look at the back cover of MAD's *Big Book of Spy Vs. Spy Capers and Other Surprises*! Hey, Nano Café, if we're ever in town, we expect our crepes to be on the house — ya follow? Unless you want to hear from the Prohias family! Trust us, you don't want that — just take a look at that family portrait — there's a lot of them, and they're organized!

## THE NIFTY FIFTY

It's time for another installment of Ed's Nifty Fifty™! When it comes to Celebrity Snaps, this list is the best of the best — the ones we want more than any others! That's where you come in! Send in your non-returnable photographs of the celeb holding an issue via snail mail or to our e-mail address (letters@madmagazine.com — put "Nifty Fifty" in the subject line) What's in it for you? Why, you heartless mercenaries! If we print your Nifty Fifty Celebrity Snap, you'll win a free two-year subscription to MAD! To sweeten things even more — if your Nifty Fifty Celebrity Snap is one of the first SIX that we print, you'll also get an awesome limited-edition "Batman Black and White" statue by Sergio Aragonés!



- Michele Bachmann
- Jennifer Aniston
- Justin Bieber
- Will Smith
- Any (White House-Living) Obama
- Any (Culture-Destroying) Kardashian
- LeBron James
- Tom Cruise
- Rebecca Black
- Mika Brzezinski
- Louis C.K.
- Herman Cain



Michele Bachmann



LeBron James

- Any (Football-Playing) Manning
- Pippa Middleton
- Chaz Bono
- Larry David
- Daniel Craig
- Betty White
- Stephen Hawking
- Joel Osteen
- Ricky Gervais
- Jason Bateman
- Helen Mirren
- Rex Ryan
- Albert Pujols



Chaz Bono



Ricky Gervais

- The Tiger Mom
- Rihanna
- Rooney Mara
- Woody Allen
- Fidel Castro
- N.J. Gov. Chris Christie
- Jim Cramer
- Rachel Maddow
- Kobayashi
- Jim Parsons
- Robert Downey Jr.
- Any Astronaut (Must Be in Uniform)
- Jason Segel



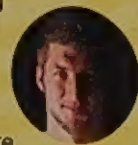
Rihanna



Chris Christie



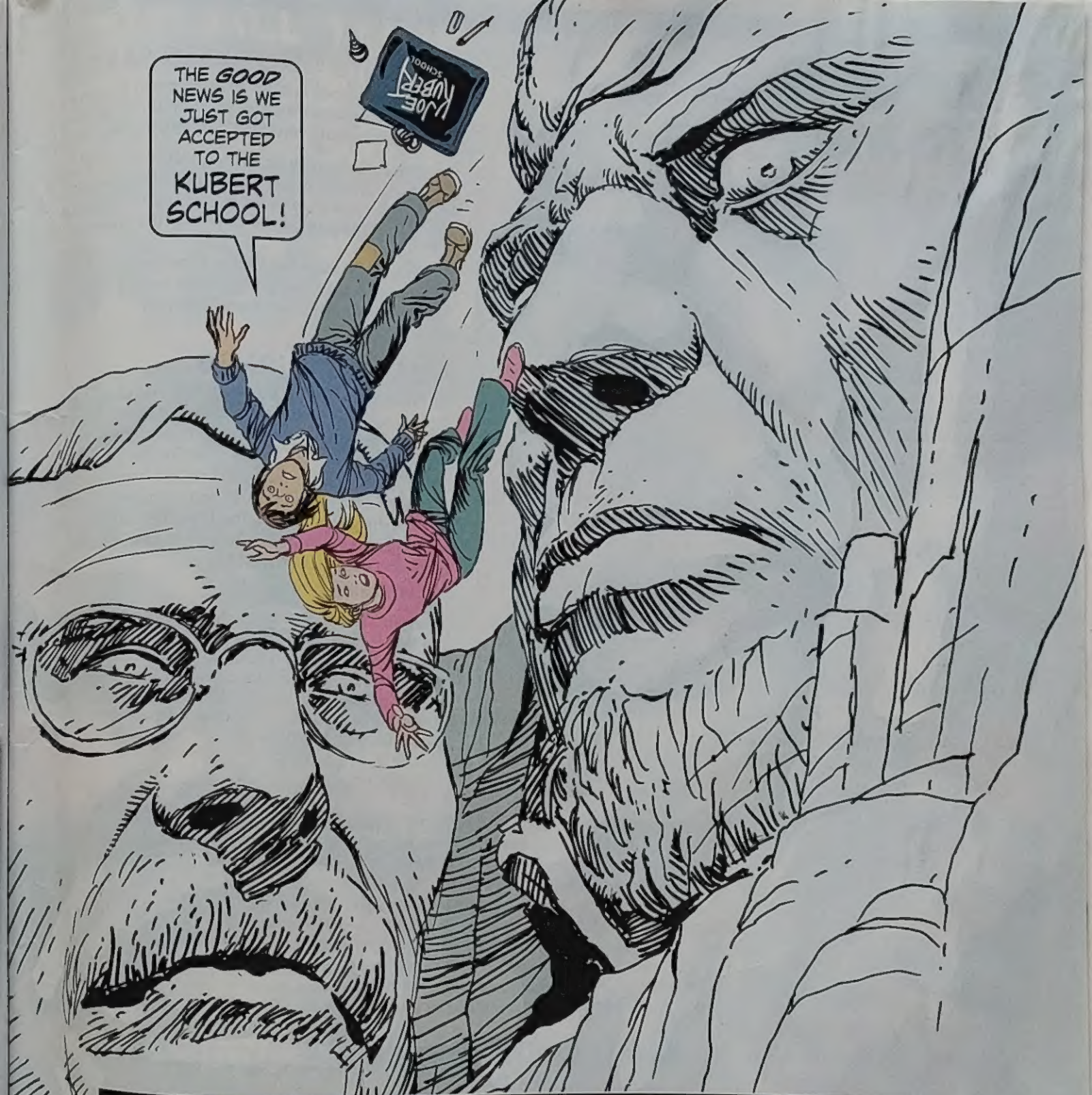
- That Pink-Dress-Wearing T-Mobile Chick
- Anne Hathaway
- Tim Tebow
- Katy Perry
- Amy Poehler
- Justin Timberlake
- Mark Zuckerberg
- Any (Money-Lovin') Trump
- George Takei
- Milla Kunis
- Howard Stern
- Lady Gaga



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George Takei



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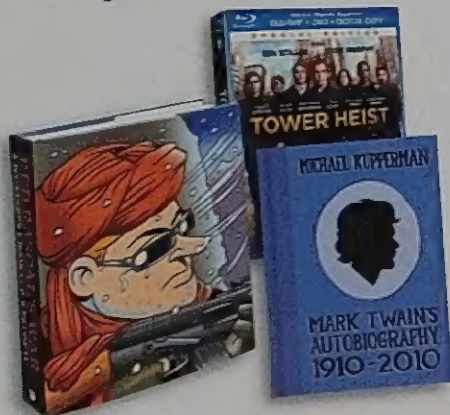


## MAD FAN OF THE MONTH

I am 10 years old and I made a skateboard that I think you might like, I used an old MAD stencil.

Shiva Carey  
New Haven, CT

Carey On — That's a pretty impressive skateboard. Remember, the more rail slides you do, the faster you'll get that hideous face off your deck! —Ed.



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The Usual Gang of Idiots

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## THE QUOTABLE MAD

We know it sounds unbelievable, but every once in a while, someone says something nice about MAD! Which is why we were amazed when it happened TWICE in the same time period!



"As a cartoonist, the only thing better than working for MAD Magazine is to have done something big enough to be made fun of by MAD Magazine."  
Tony Moore, co-creator of *The Walking Dead*

"For me, I knew that I had made it in my career when I was in MAD Magazine and I got to play with the Muppets." — Whoopi Goldberg



## A STAR IS BURNED

My brothers and I love your magazine and your TV show, even though that probably means we're losers. Anyway, I love how you guys are always writing parodies of our favorite movies and TV shows ("The Walking Dud" — hilarious!), but do the stars and creators love it when you make fun of them? Do you ever receive hate mail and/or threatening emails from p'd off celebrities? If so, don't worry. They're probably just jealous of your superior journalism skills. Long live MAD!

Michael Bowling • Puxico, MO

Bowling for Columbine — Most celebrities love when they show up in MAD — in fact, you can see what a couple of stars think about it, right on this very letters page (including one of the creators of *The Walking Dead*)! Not everyone is that happy, though. We're still getting death threats from Alan Thicke for unleashing our superior journalism skills on *Growing Pains*. (Heheh, we called it "Groaning Pains"! ) —Ed.

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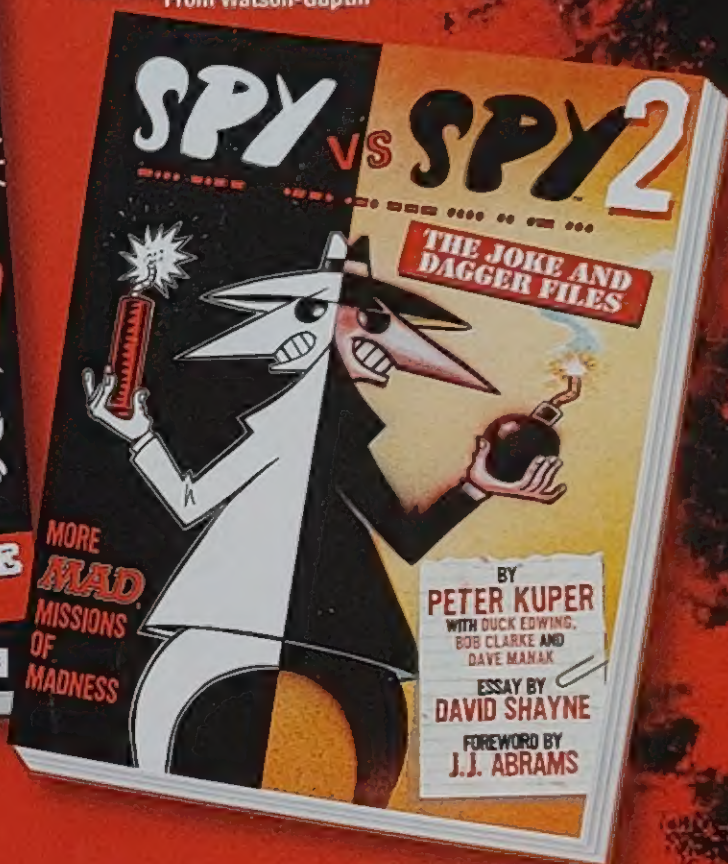
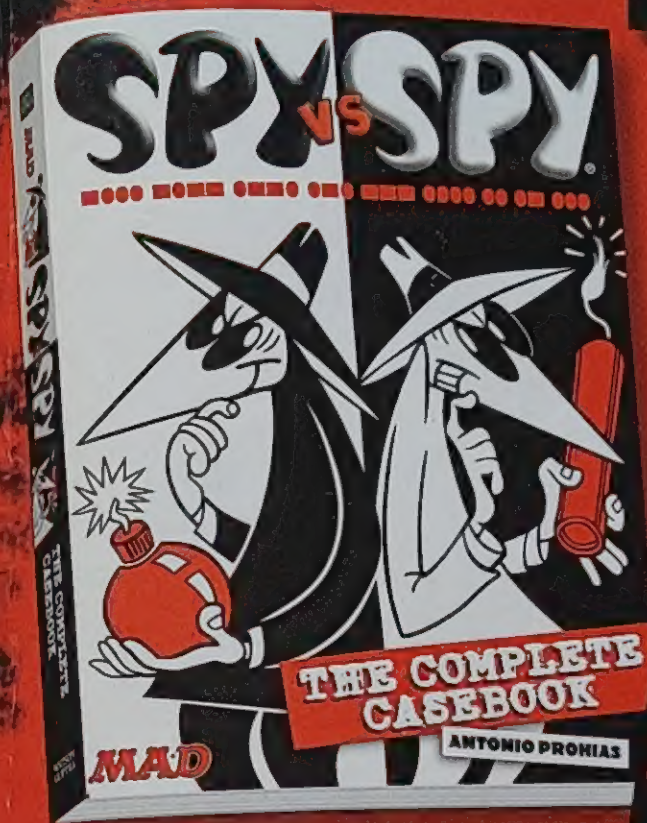
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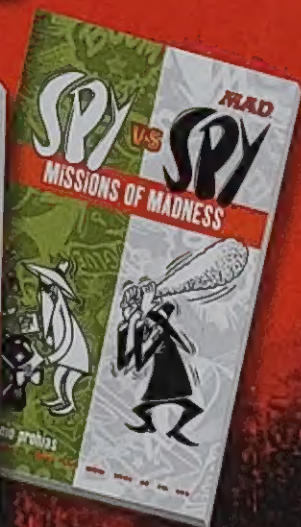
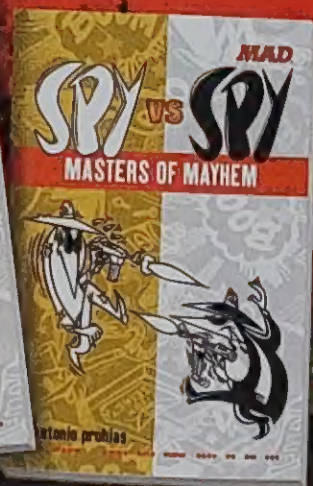
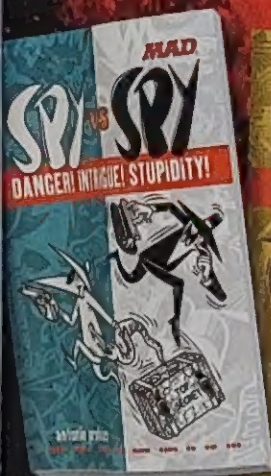
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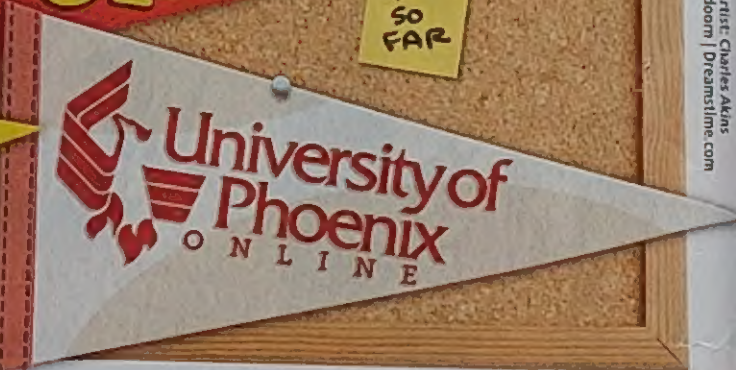
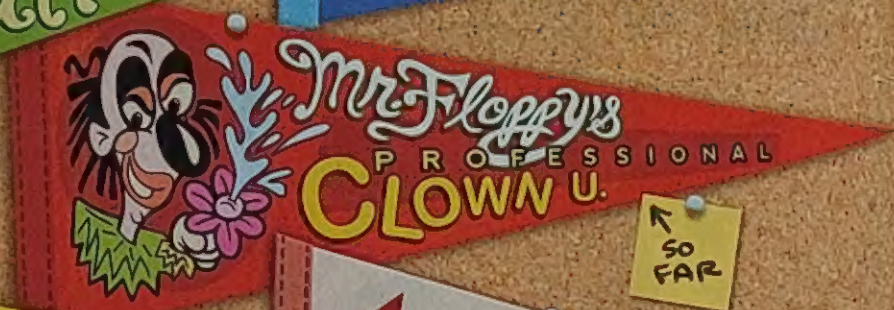
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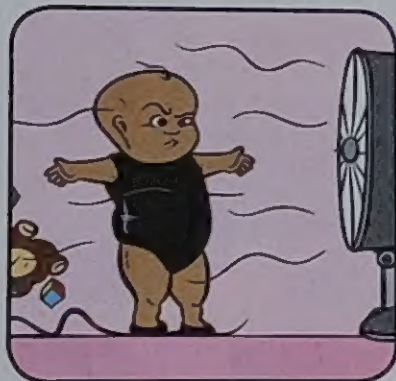


THE FAST FIVE  
COLLEGES WITHOUT SEX  
ABUSE ALLEGATIONS



Writer: Jeff Kruse  
Artist: Charles Atkins  
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Breast Pump



Teething  
Grammy



Autographed Photo of  
Kanye West

# Mini Pages

## Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds

### KRISTEN STEWART

- Terminal pout.....1:1
- Chokes to death on stray Robert Pattinson eyebrow hair.....2:1
- Brain aneurysm brought on by attempting to display an emotion onscreen.....3:1
- Dies from food poisoning (along with Lou Ferrigno and Erik Estrada) after eating at "iffy" taco cart at Toledo Sci-fi Festival, 2024.....Even money
- Ironically, dies of complications while donating blood.....12:1



Artist: Rick Tulka

## Cards from "Monopoly: The Mitt Romney Edition"

### *Slim Chance*

AT A CAMPAIGN STOP IN IOWA, PROCLAIM THAT "CORPORATIONS ARE PEOPLE, MY FRIEND."

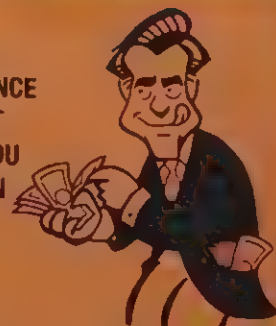
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### *Slim Chance*

PRAISE YOUR FATHER FOR ONCE TELLING YOU, "NEVER GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS IF YOU HAVE TO WIN AN ELECTION TO PAY A MORTGAGE."

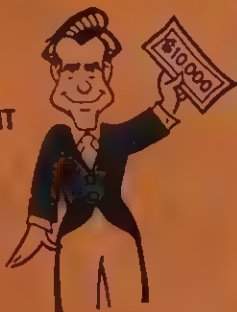
LOCK IN THE 1% VOTE



### *Slim Chance*

CHALLENGE DEBATE OPPONENT TO A \$10,000 BET.

LOSE ALL CREDIBILITY AS "A MAN OF THE PEOPLE"



### *Slim Chance*

WHILE ON THE STUMP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, BRAG THAT YOU "ENJOY FIRING PEOPLE!"

SOLIDIFY YOUR IMAGE AS A COLD-HEARTED CORPORATE VULTURE



### *Slim Chance*

ATTEMPT TO WIN OVER OUT-OF-WORK VOTERS BY TELLING THEM "I'M ALSO UNEMPLOYED."

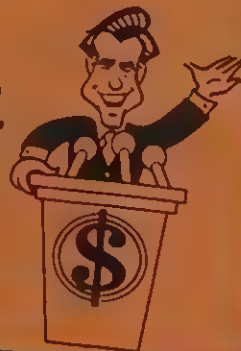
BECOME A NATIONAL JOKE



### *Slim Chance*

REVEAL THAT LAST YEAR YOU COLLECTED "NOT VERY MUCH" IN SPEAKING FEES: \$374,000.

REAFFIRM YOUR REPUTATION AS A DICKISHLY OUT-OF-TOUCH AUTOCRAT



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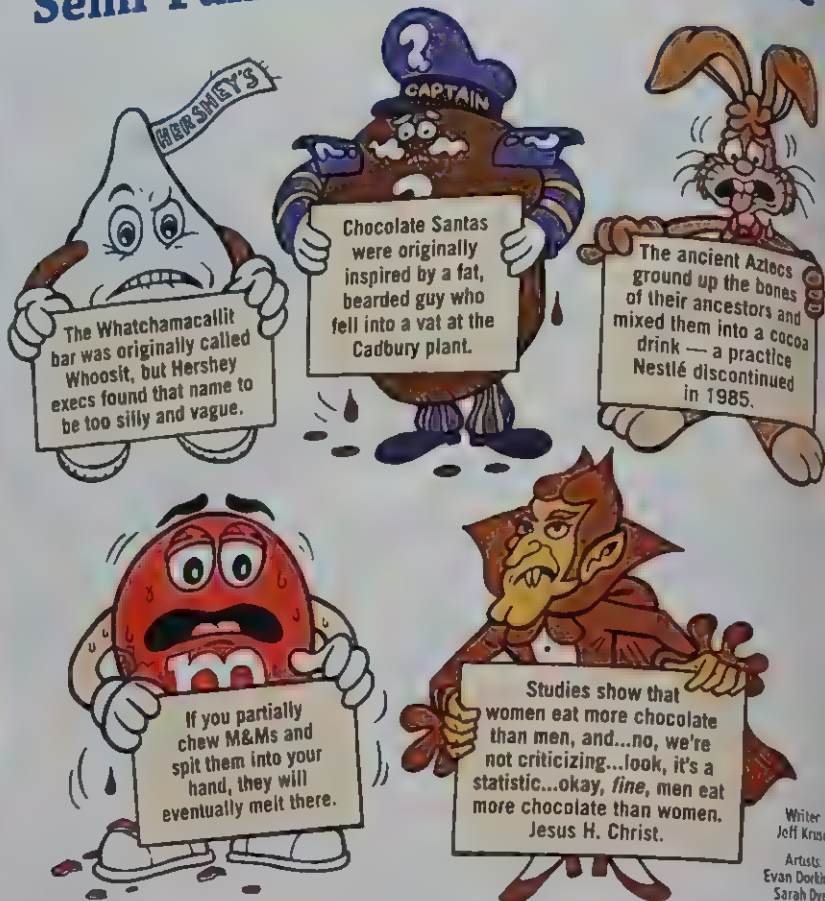
## Semi-Fun Facts About Chocolate

### The Yungbluth & The Restless



"And now, a man who needs no introduction..."

Writer and Artist:  
Jason Yungbluth



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Jeff Kruse  
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Evan Dorkin  
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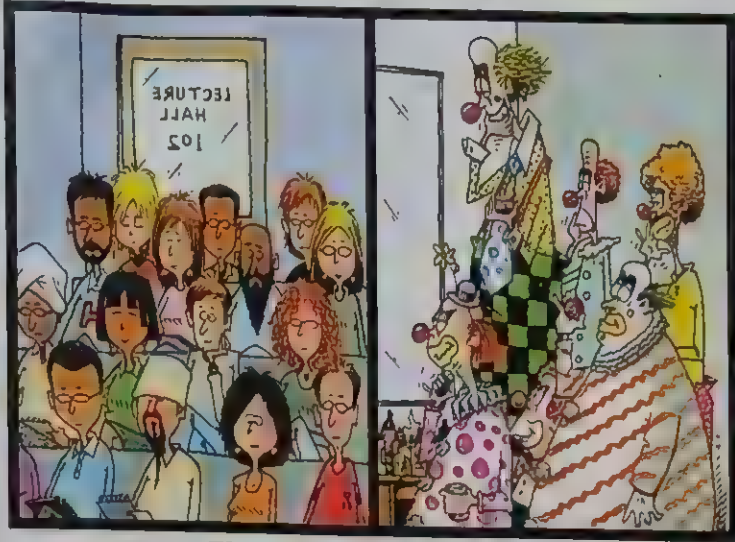
## LINES SURE TO GET APPLAUSE AT GOP DEBATES



Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Ward Sutton

# THE STARTLING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND CLOWN COLLEGE

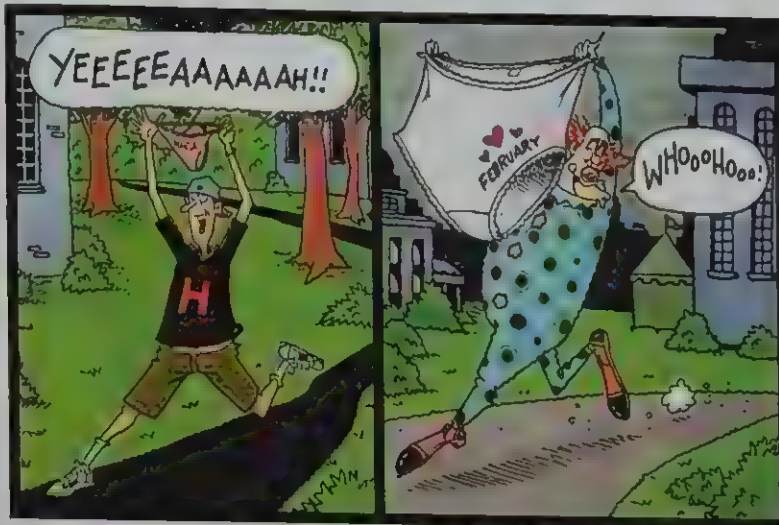
Writer and Artist John Caldwell



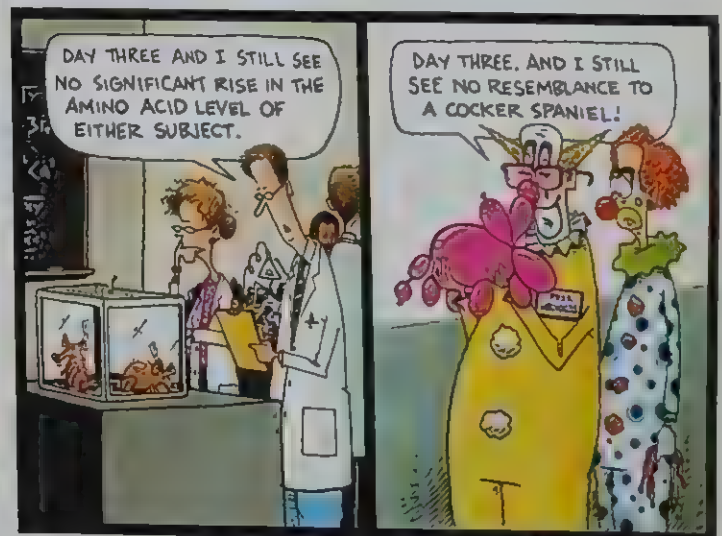
The typical class makeup is filled with diversity



In both cases, the faculty tends to be made up of tenure-secured, Sixties relics



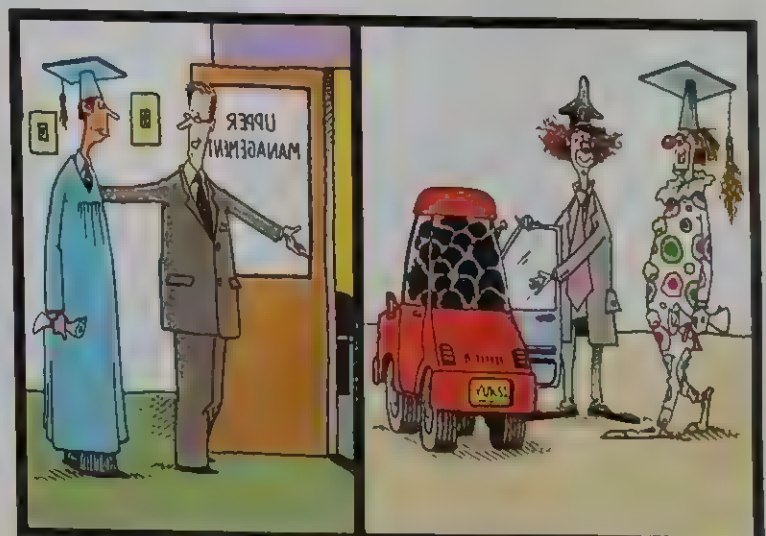
Students from both indulge in typical campus hijinks such as panty raids



Both institutions of higher learning offer extensive work with lab animals



Come end of semester, students on both campuses can be found researching 5,000-word papers on subjects about which nobody gives a damn



A degree from either school opens doors

# THE FUNDALINI PAGES

## PRODUCT ACRONYMS YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED: TECH EDITION



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Friendly Application Can Enable Bullying Of Other Kids



**KINECT**

Knock Into Nearly Everything Controlling This



**LEAF**

Limited Electricity Affects Feasibility



**PANDORA**

Plays A Never-ending Deluge Of Repetitive Artists

Writer: Darren Johnson Artist: Paul Coker

## Inspection Tags You Wish You Never Saw

This Victoria's Secret garment was sniffed and fondled by Inspector 22.

If you find an odd sock in this package, it means the matching sock was deemed substandard and therefore not included.

Inspected with all the love and care of someone making less than the minimum wage.

This high-speed power saw has been inspected and tested by Lefty.

This is a Dollar Store item. Did you really expect anyone to inspect it?!

Writer: Dick DeBartolo

## FAVORITE DOG BREEDS OF THE ZOMBIE COMMUNITY



**Molden Retriever**

**Rottingweiler**

**Bloodhound**  
(Duh!!)

**Stench Poodle**

**Border Collie**  
(some zombies have conventional taste)

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Tom Bunk

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Here's a show from the producers of *Two and a Half Men* and *The Big Bang Theory*.  
 Spoiler Alert: Nobody on this series looks like Ashton Kutcher or Kaley Cuoco! Check out...

# BIGG & BULKY

Hello, my name is Bigg and I'm a parade float!  
 I'm looking to shed a few pounds. About three hundred! People think overweight people are always jolly, but that's not true. I'm not a happy camper. In fact, many people on the highway think I am a camper. But I'm not a *happy* camper!

Uh, we were looking for more positive messages. Perhaps someone else would like to share!

Hello, my name is Bulky! I'm a big girl, but I had a pretty fair week. I dropped six pounds — I lost a hangnail! When I die, here's the way I want to go — I want to be run over by a rolling buffet cart! I haven't met anyone I liked. Until now. I think I'm kind of attracted to the parade float!



Wow! There's a thing between Bigg and Bulky!

That's what our show is about — two chubbies going at it. It could be a beautiful thing!

Or, more likely, it could be a run-of-the-mill dating comedy with fat jokes

Well, yeah, that too!

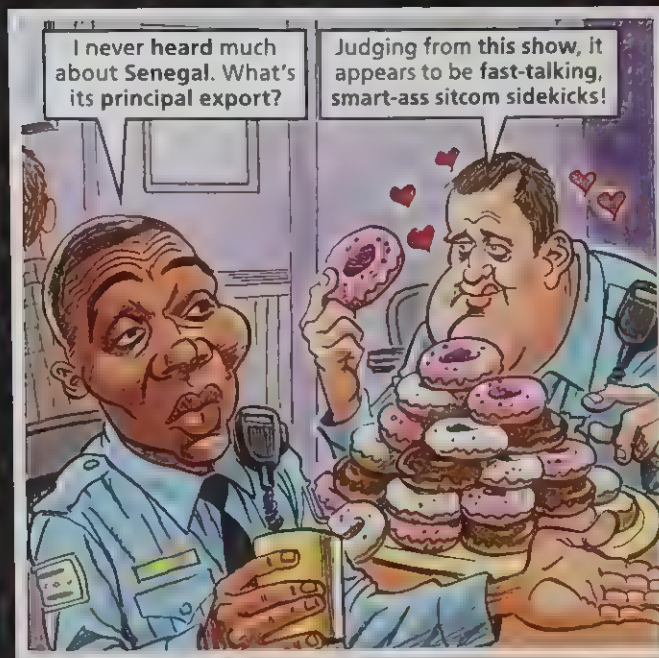
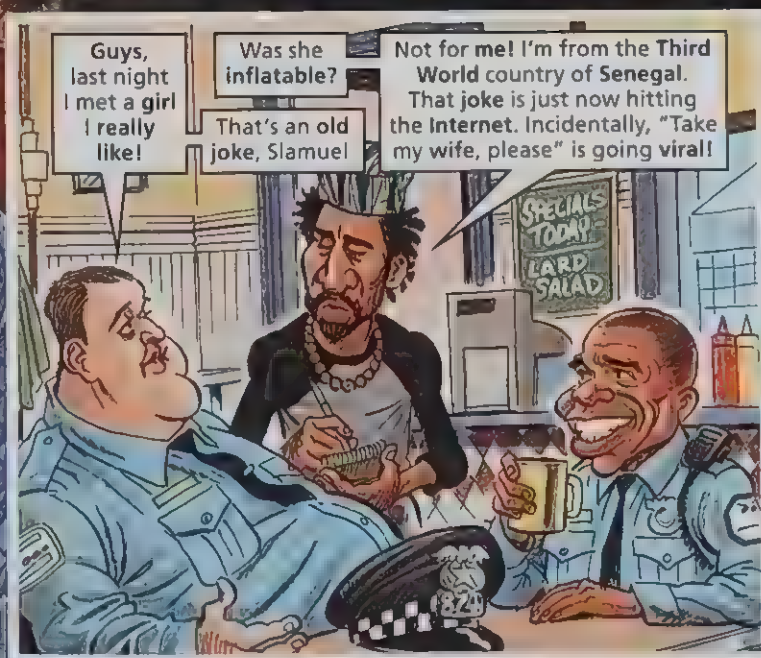
A new world's record for MAD Magazine is being broken in this splash!

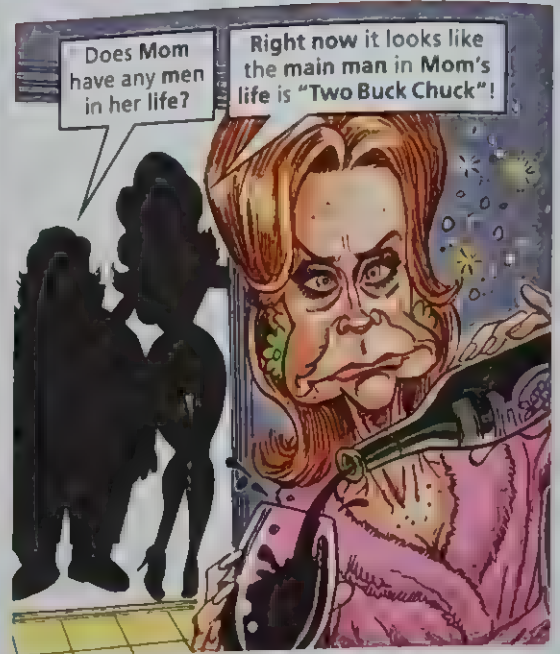
Most fat jokes ever in a splash?

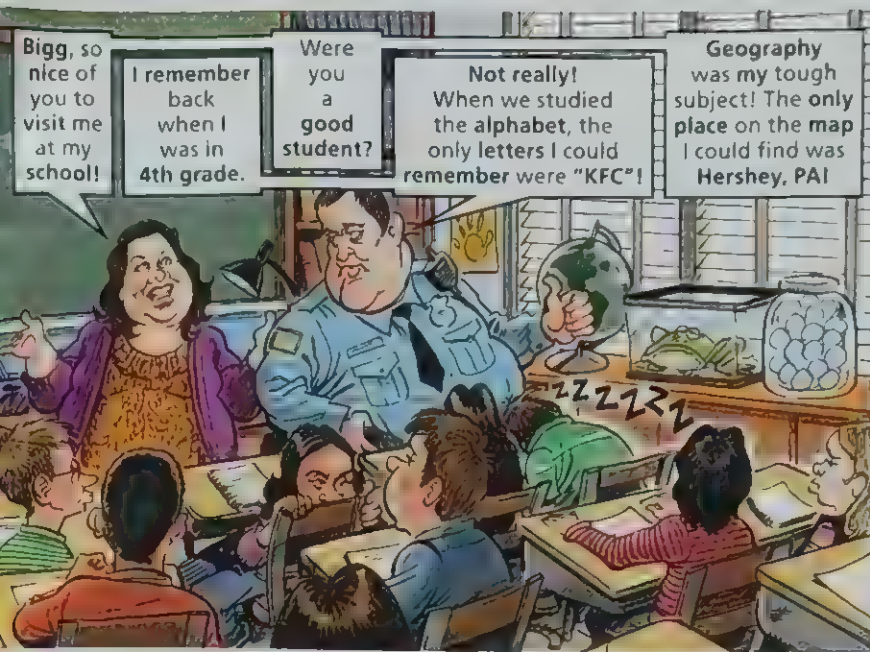
Not comedy — a record for INK. Most ink used to draw two characters! They demolished the record held by Roseanne and John Goodman from back in MAD #287!

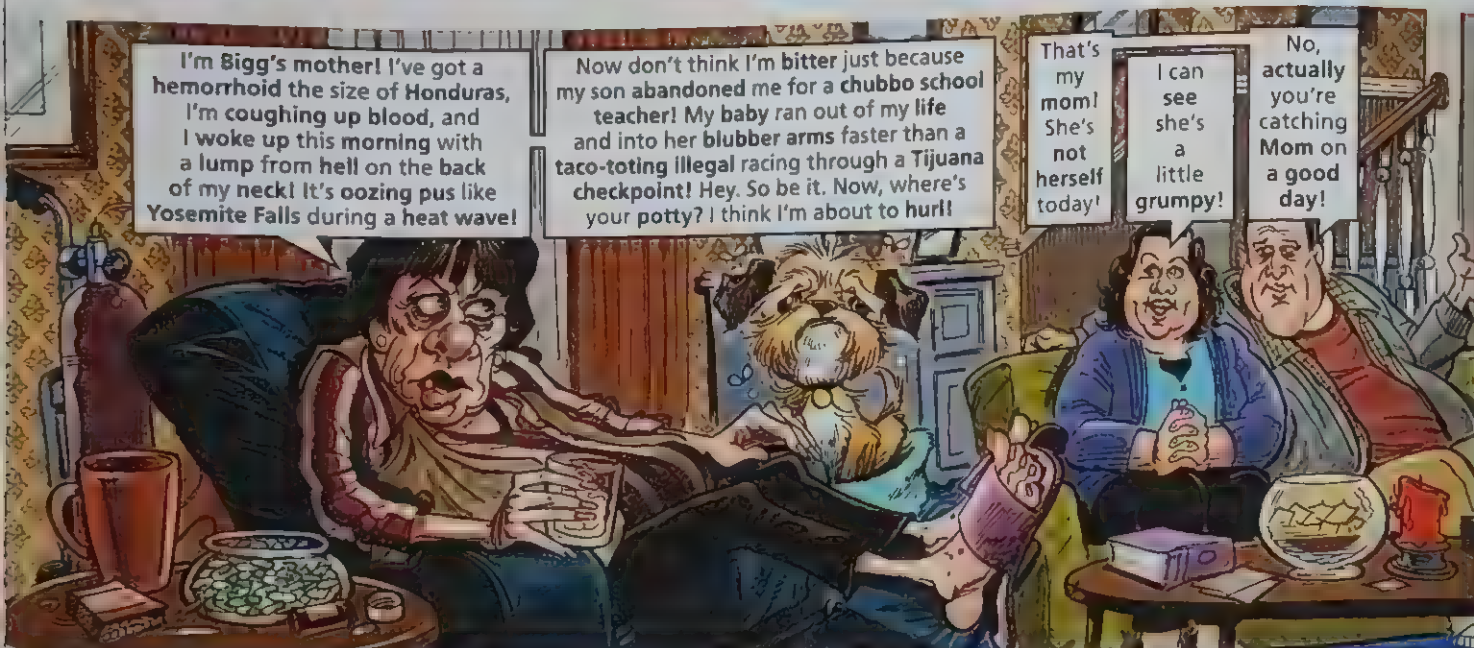
Ya know, this exchange wasn't that funny!

I told you, we're not talking comedy. We're talking ink, man, ink!











Well, it looks like we have another huge hit on our hands! The ratings are great! We're even beating *The Biggest Loser* in the 18-35 category plus total tonnage and cellulite!

That's why we've called you all here today. America loves chubbies! We're revamping our entire schedule to take advantage! Get a load of our new prime-time lineup!

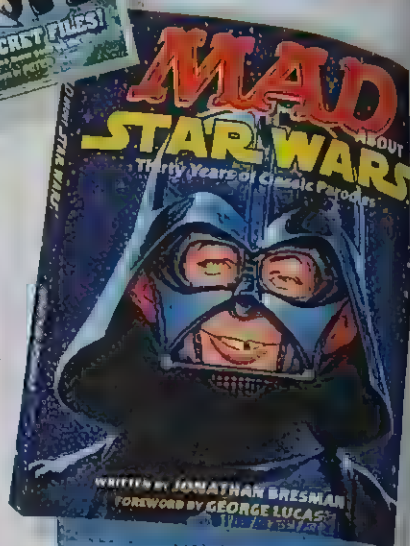


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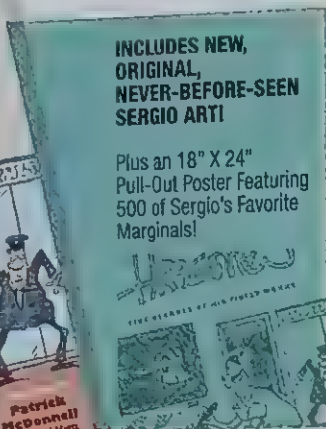
(And help us become one of the 1%!)



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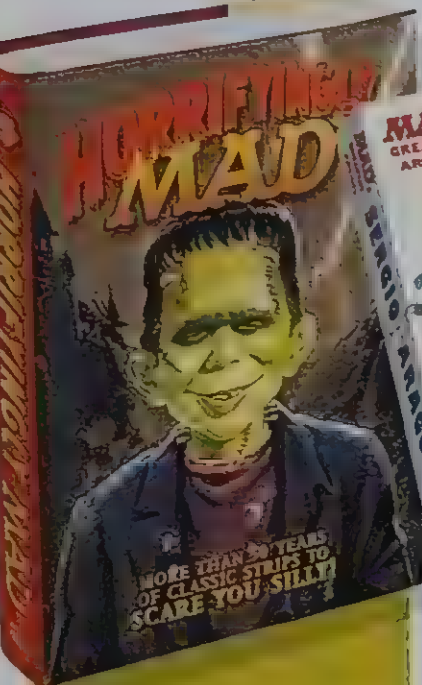


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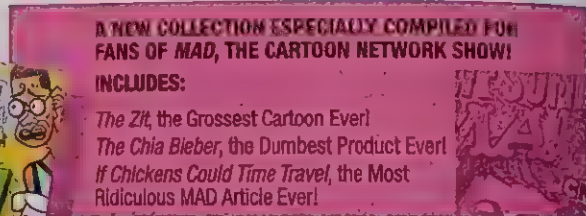
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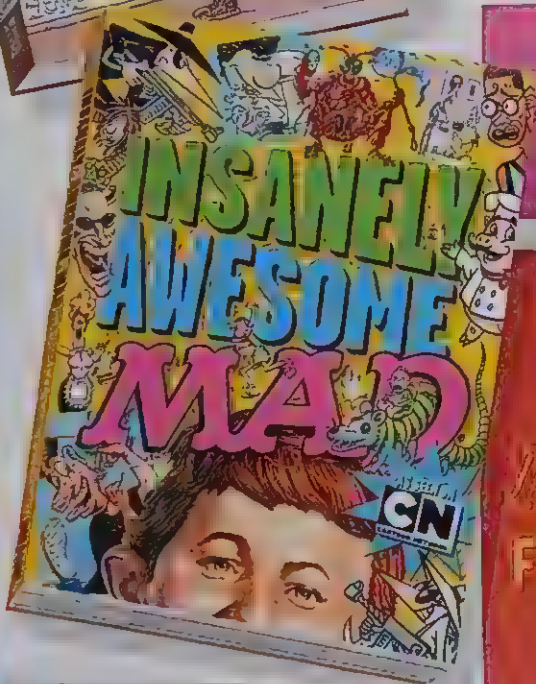
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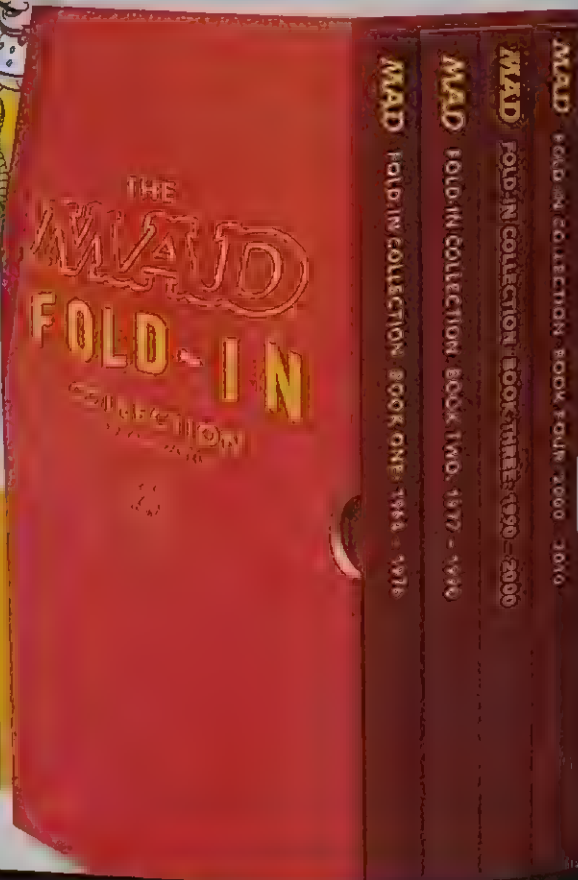
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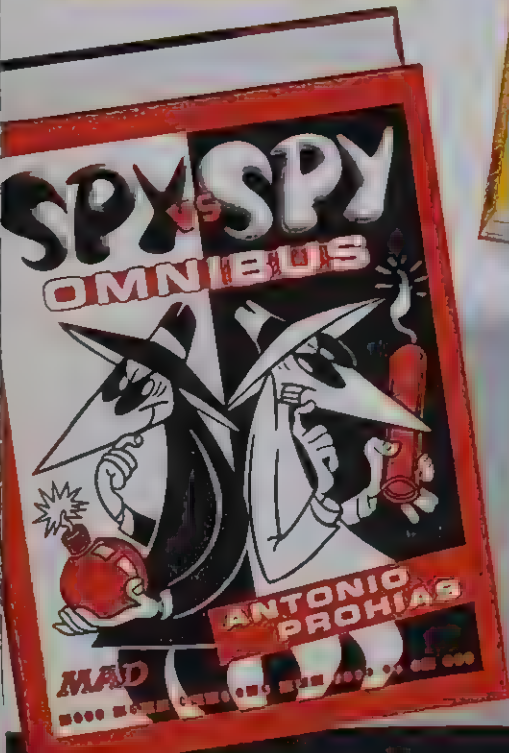
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ON SALE NOW! Tomorrow, too.



As phones get smarter, their users seem to get dumber! There's no app for proper behavior when using these expensive, time-sucking devices! But there IS the following article! Now get your elbows off the freakin' table and learn from...

# The MAD Guide to SMARTPHONE ETIQUETTE

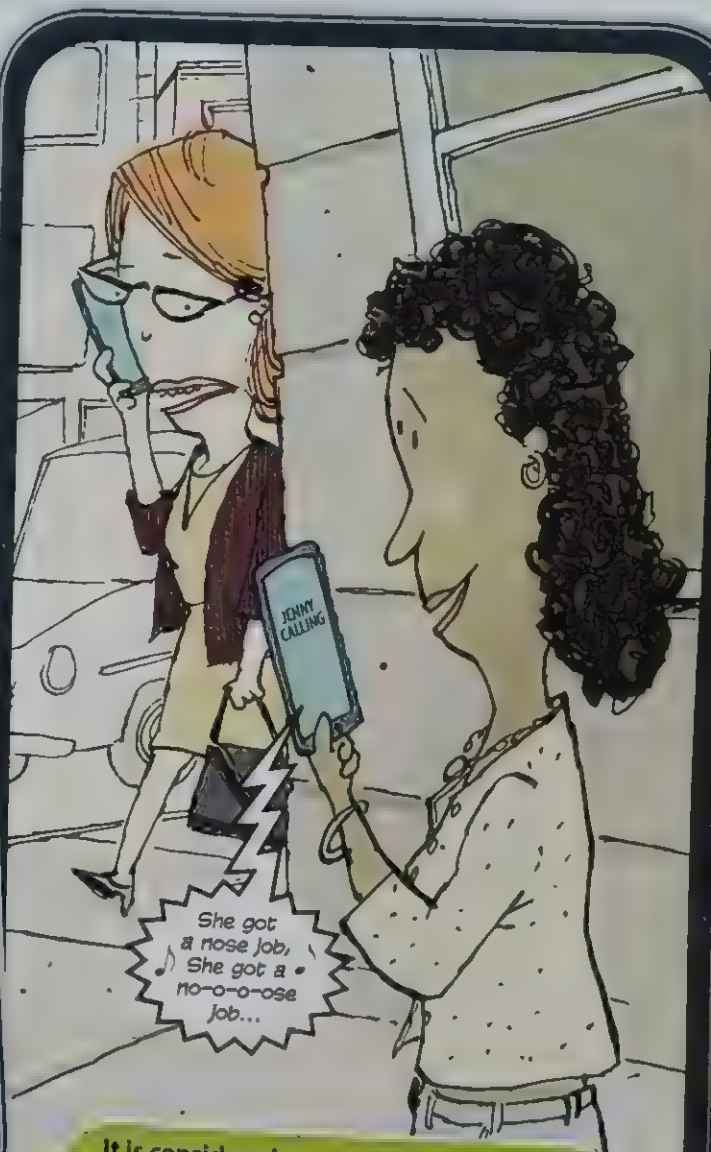


WRITER: KENNY KEIL

ARTIST: TIM HAMILTON



Don't be so caught up in your personal technology that you impolitely neglect your loved ones. Set some time aside every night to get together as a family and post on each others' Facebook walls.



It is considered gauche to ever let anyone hear the demeaning personalized ringtone you've selected for their incoming calls, even if it is deadly accurate.





Since many states frown upon texting while driving to the point of making it illegal, one may exhibit proper respect by using this downtime to catch up on YouTube videos instead.



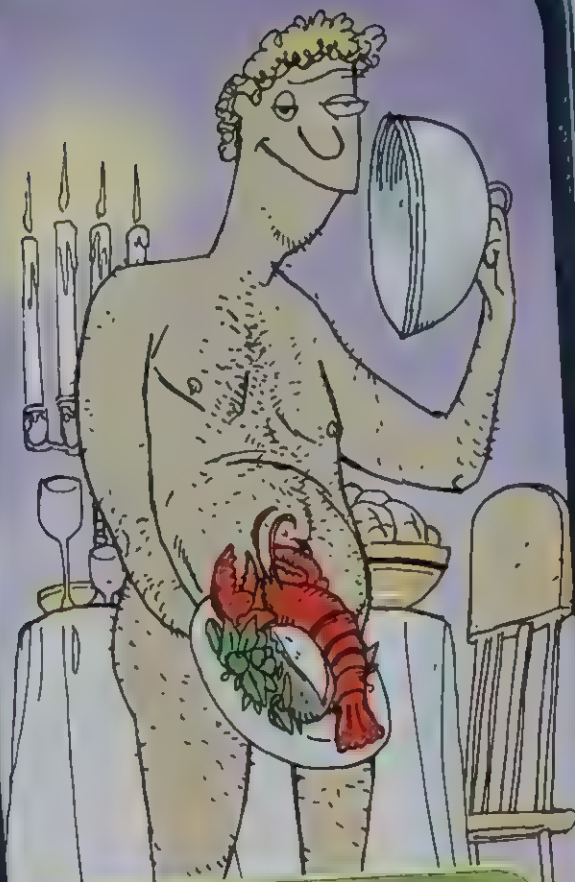
When talking on your Bluetooth headset at a restaurant, keep your voice down so others can hear their Bluetooth headsets as well.



When taking calls while on a first date, good manners dictate mentioning how the date is going so that the person you're with feels included.



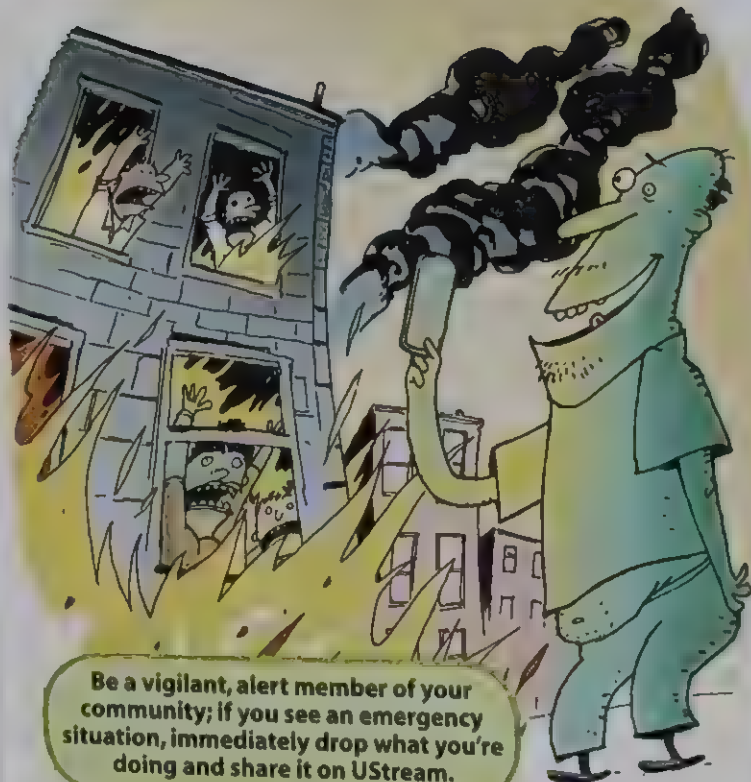
When aspiring to take "seductive" Facebook profile pictures in the bathroom mirror, it is considered polite to remove any embarrassing hygiene products from your counter first.



Never text a woman pictures of your junk without first sending her pictures of a nice, romantic dinner.



Don't interrupt others! Wait until your friend has finished telling you about his Erectile Dysfunction to tell him he's on speaker phone.



Be a vigilant, alert member of your community; if you see an emergency situation, immediately drop what you're doing and share it on UStream.



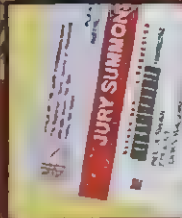
Breaking up from a long-term relationship via an impersonal text message is considered rude and in poor taste. Consider making a viral video instead.

THERE WILL BE  
BLOOD-SUCKING DEPT.

With the release of *Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Part 2*, the *Twilight Saga* is coming to an end! But don't despair — because now, thanks to MAD, you can crank out your OWN mediocre vampire plotlines! You'll be raking in the sparkles — chested millions in no time with:



A THREATENING MESSAGE



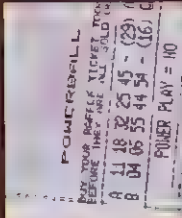
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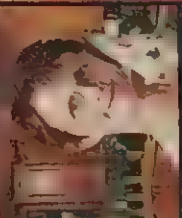
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THE WINNING LOTTERY NUMBER



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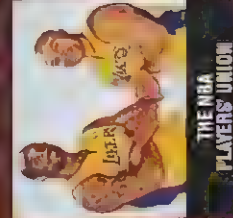
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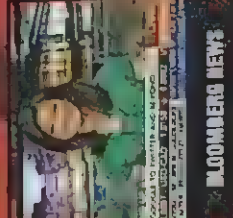
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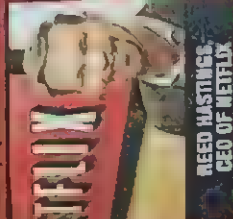
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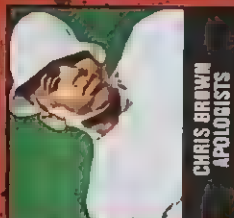
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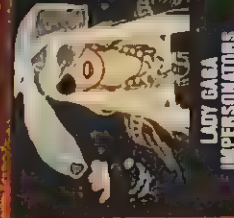
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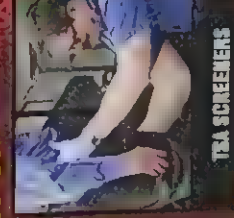
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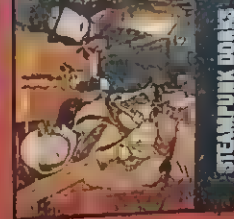
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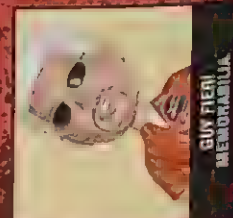
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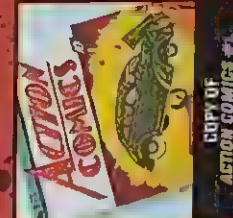
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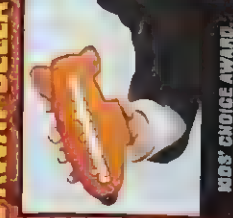
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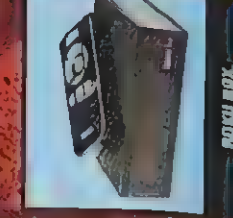
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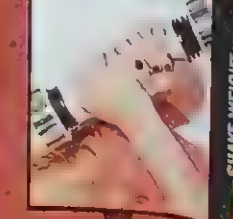
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# MAD'S MAKE YOUR OWN *Twilight* MOVIE

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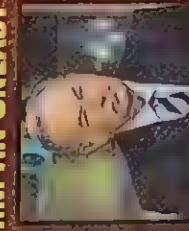
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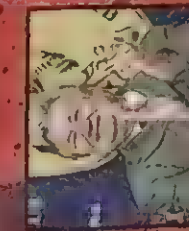
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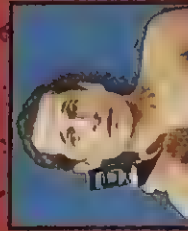


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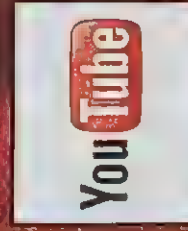
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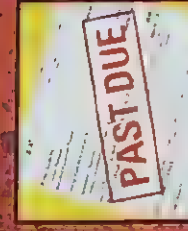
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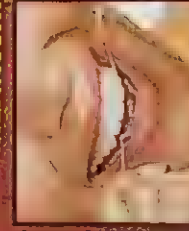
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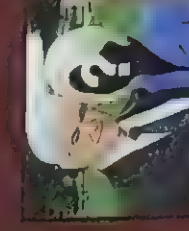
A MAN - YOU KNOW,  
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FORCING BELLA TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LOVE AND



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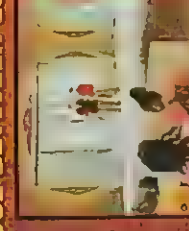
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AN UNNAMED BRADLEY  
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THE SIDE SALAD



WHAT'S BEHIND DOOR #1



SAVING 20% OR MORE  
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HER OWN  
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A STARTING SPOT ON  
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BUT THINGS WORK OUT THANKS TO



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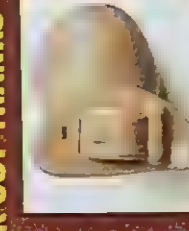
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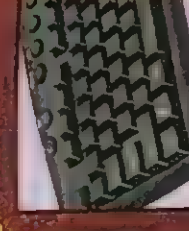
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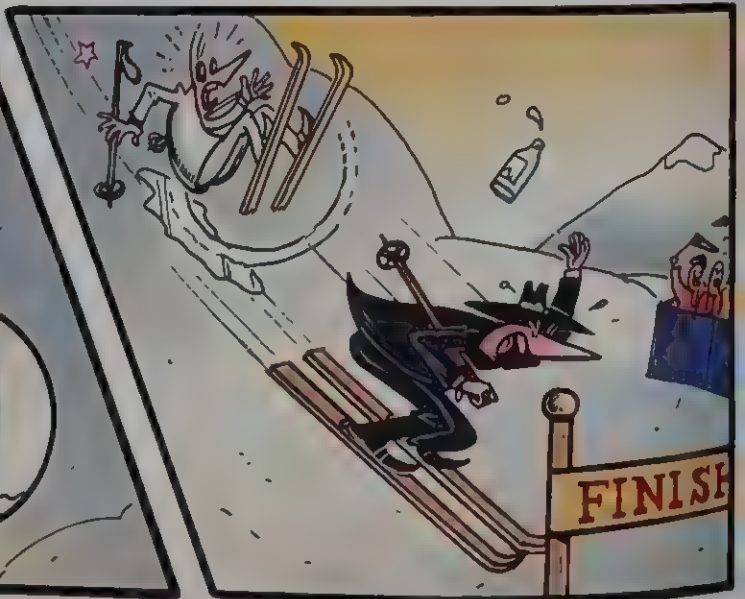
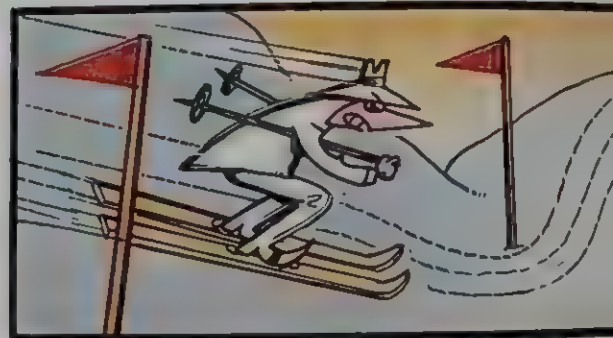
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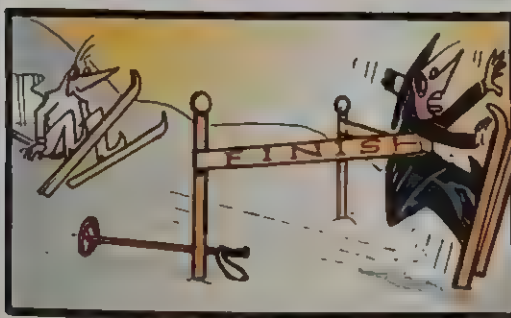
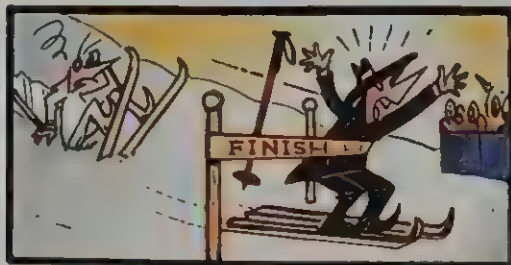
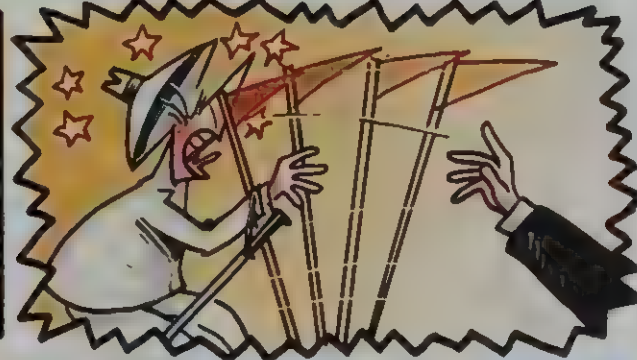
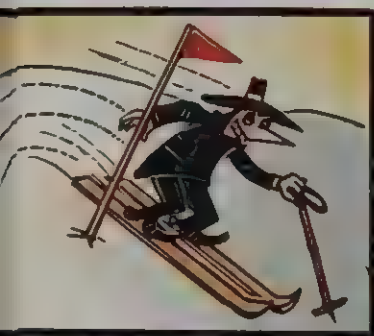
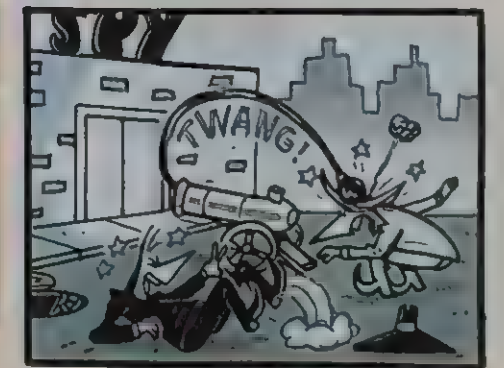
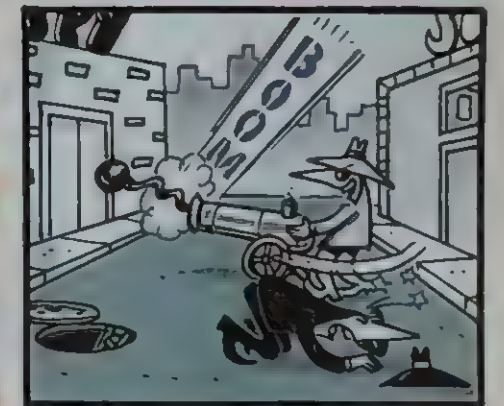
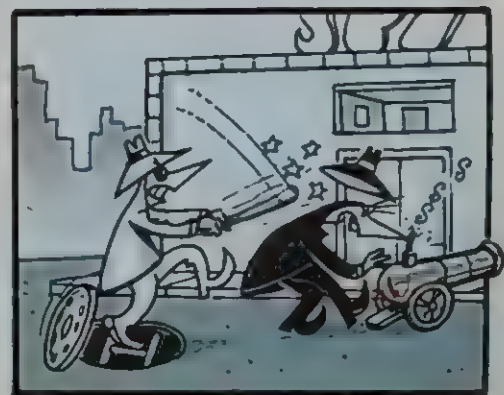
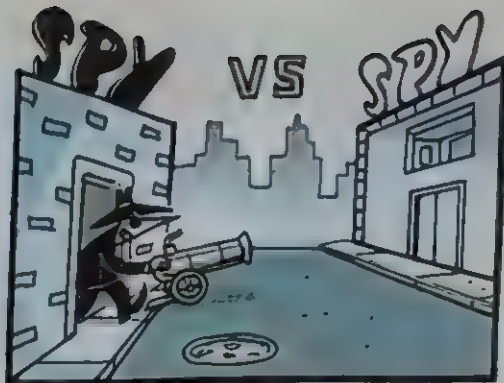


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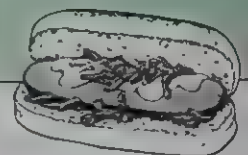
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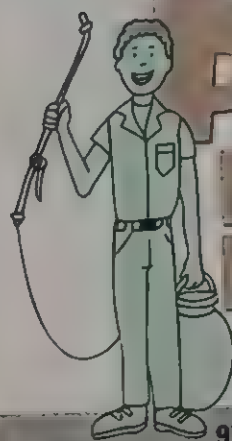
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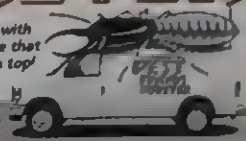
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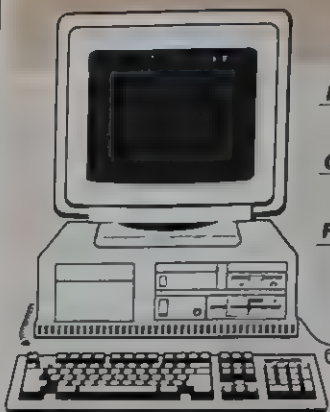


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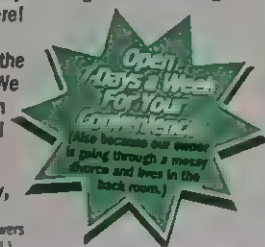


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\*Fruit cocktail — from a can! — that is. We have neither a liquor license nor a wait staff who knows how to mix any of the fancy schmancy drinks listed here. But the only other generic diner templates we had to choose from featured search-a-word puzzles — and then we'd be forever supplying pens to you people.

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The world is **hungry**...  
if only there were **large expanses of**  
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grow food...

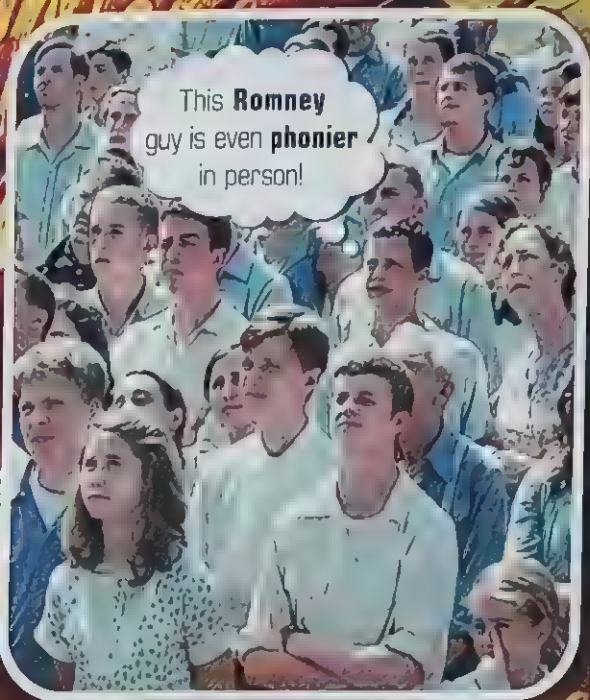
I **swear**, if they  
**force us** to reenact  
the dance from "**Thriller**"  
one more time...

This is the  
**last time** I ever go on  
a **Japanese game**  
show!

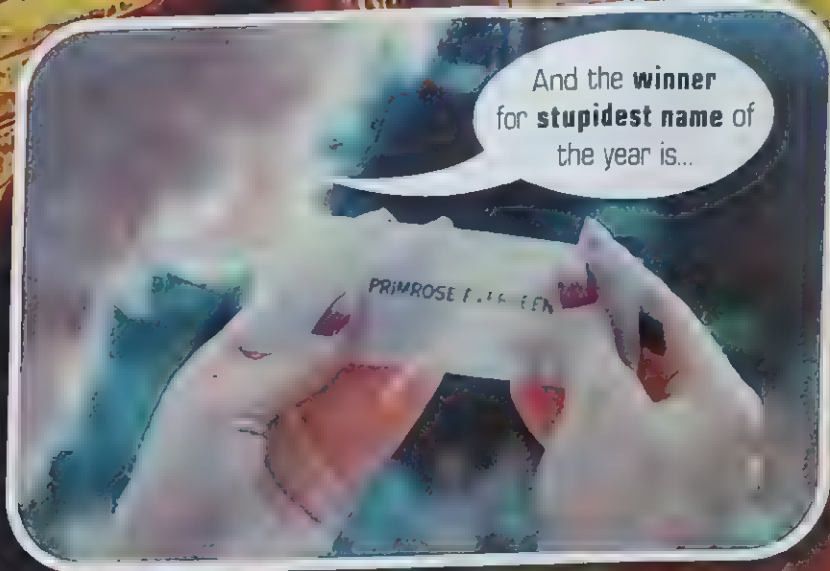
# MAD's Dreadfully Undercooked **THE** **HUNGER**

"You will go  
on a **long journey**"...okay,  
what **asswipe** put a **fortune**  
in the name bowl?

The Capitol  
took **everything**  
from me — my  
friends.. my father..  
my **\*grunt\***  
toilet...

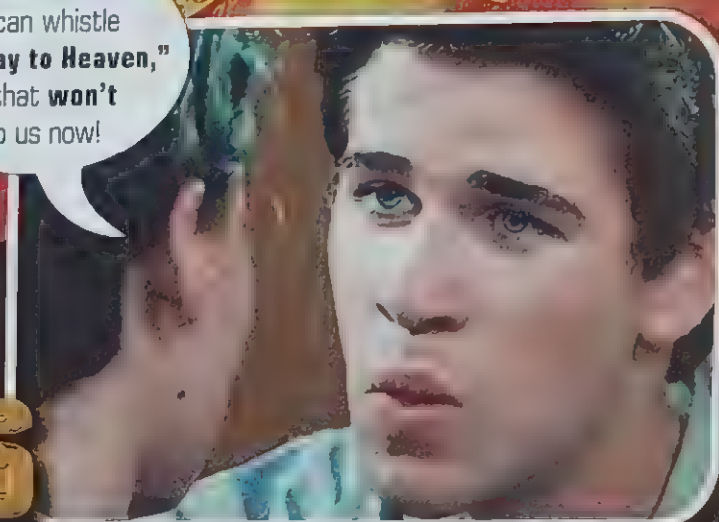


This **Romney** guy is even **phonier** in person!



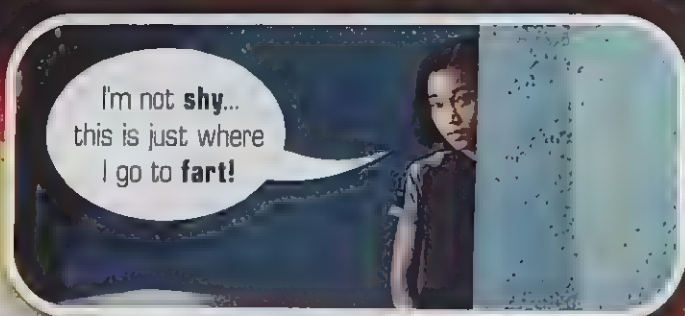
And the **winner** for **stupidest name** of the year is...

Look, I **know** you can whistle "**Stairway to Heaven**," but that **won't** help us now!

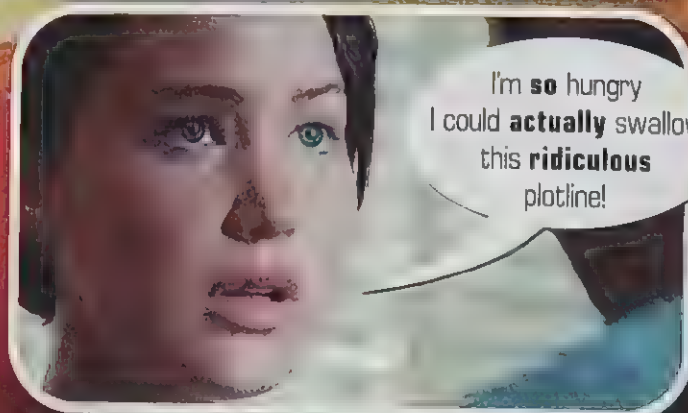


# GAMES

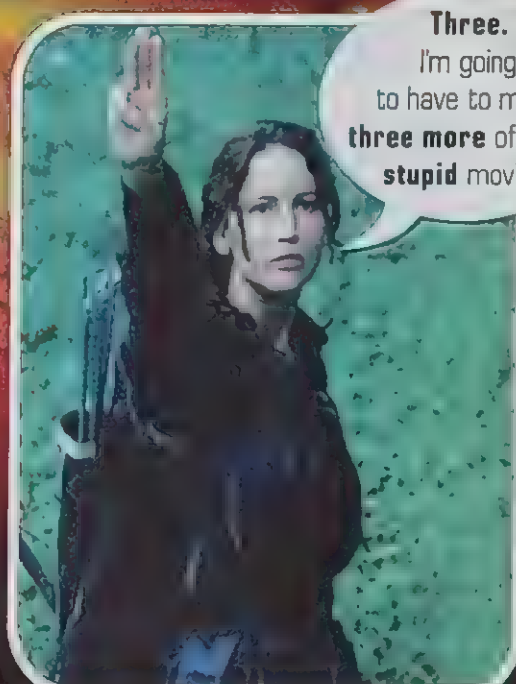
## Outtakes



I'm not **shy**... this is just where I go to **fart**!



I'm **so** hungry I could **actually** swallow this **ridiculous** plotline!



**Three.** I'm going to have to make **three more** of these **stupid** movies!

## THE BULL OF RIGHTS DEPT.

One of the greatest glories of our nation is "The Constitution." It assures us of our Rights in our Democracy. If you're an Adult, that is! But if you

happen to be a Kid, it doesn't apply! Oh sure, it's supposed to protect everybody, but today there's one group that violates the Constitutional Rights

# PARENTS ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

**AMENDMENT I**  
(There shall be) "...no law...abridging the freedom of speech..."

**AMENDMENT I**  
(There shall be) "...no law...abridging the right of people to peaceably assemble..."



**AMENDMENT V**  
"...nor shall any person...for the same offense... be twice put in jeopardy of life and limb..."

**AMENDMENT V**  
"No person...shall be compelled... to be a witness against himself..."



of Kids constantly. Know who they are? The Commies? The Nazis? No, they're much closer to home! Take a look at this article, and you'll see why we say..



ARTIST: PAUL COKER  
WRITER: STAN HART

# TIONAL

**AMENDMENT I**  
(The people have a right) "...to petition for a redress of grievances..."



**AMENDMENT V**  
"...nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation..."



**AMENDMENT I**  
(There shall be) "...no law respecting an establishment of religion..."



**AMENDMENT IV**  
"The right...to be secure against...unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated..."



**AMENDMENT VI**  
"...the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy...trial..."



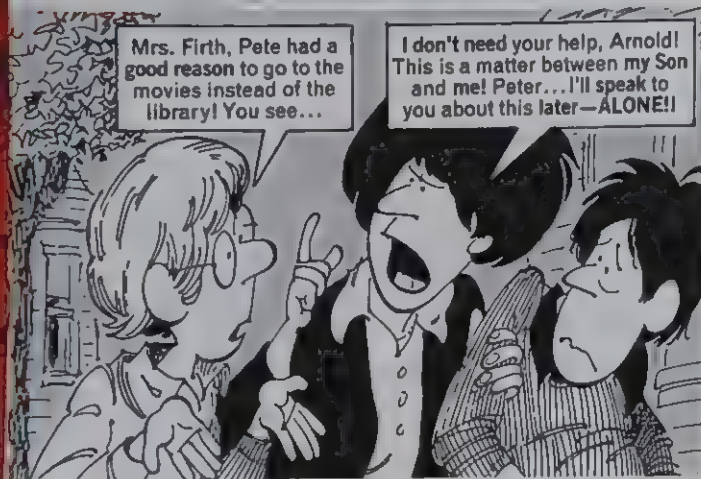
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 "...the accused shall...be informed of the  
 nature and cause of the accusation..."



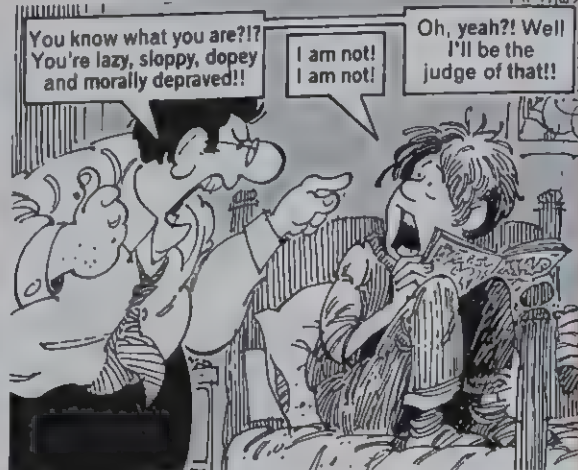
**AMENDMENT VI**  
 "...the accused shall...be confronted  
 with the witnesses against him..."



**AMENDMENT VI**  
 "...the accused shall...have the  
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**AMENDMENT VII**  
 "...the right of trial by jury  
 shall be preserved..."



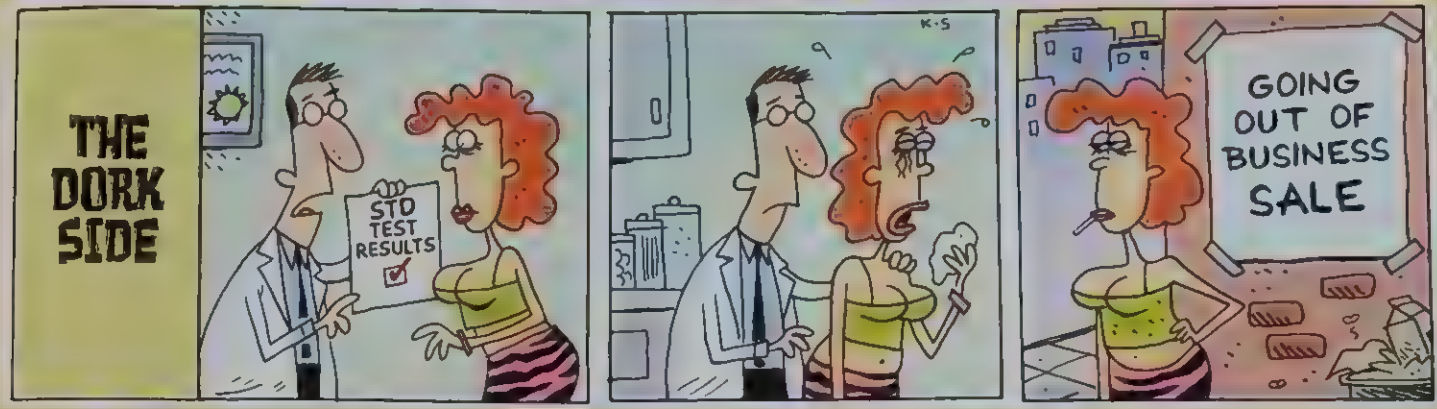
**AMENDMENT VIII**  
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**AMENDMENT VIII**  
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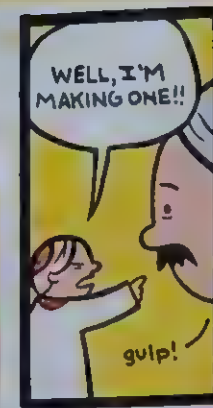
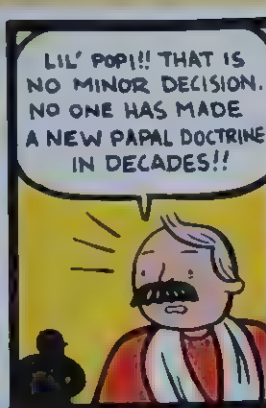
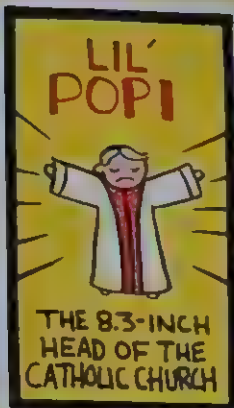
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## GOT YOUR NOSE



# JUST BELOW THE SURFACE

AND SO, WOMEN FROM ALL ACROSS THE LAND CAME FORWARD CLAIMING TO BE THE MYSTERY WOMAN THAT THE PRINCE HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH.



KNOWING THAT ONLY ONE COULD FIT THE GLASS SLIPPER.



EACH ONE THAT CAME FORWARD TRIED IT ON.



BUT THE RESULTS WERE ALWAYS THE SAME.



NONE OF THEM PASSED THE TEST.



THE PRINCE BEGAN TO WONDER IF HE WOULD EVER AGAIN SEE THE GIRL THAT HE SPENT THAT MAGICAL NIGHT WITH.

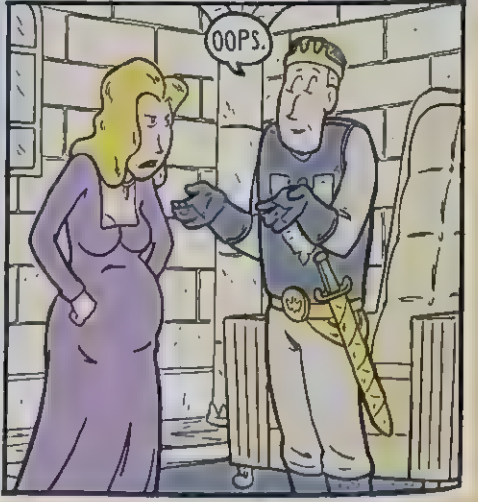
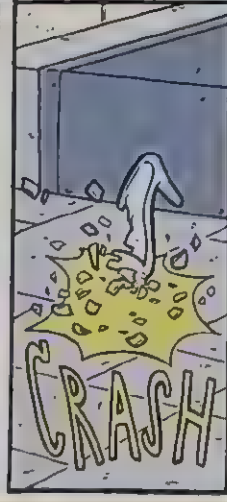
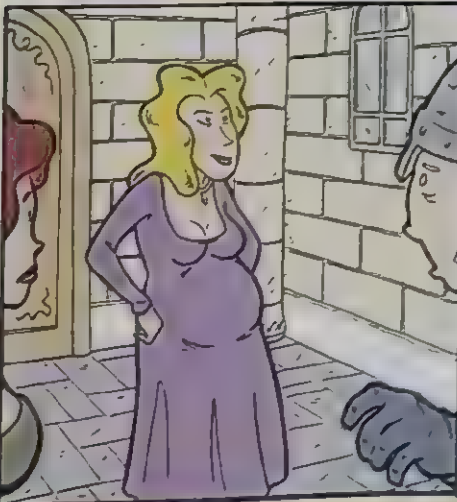
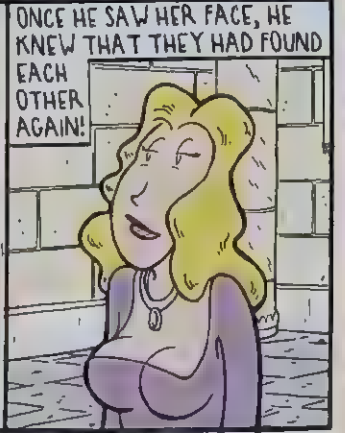


UNTIL...

I CAN FIT INTO IT!



ONCE HE SAW HER FACE, HE KNEW THAT THEY HAD FOUND EACH OTHER AGAIN!



DOUGLAS PASZKIEWICZ



# BANANA REPUBLIC

## MICHELE BACHMANN

Your political views are stuck in the 1950's, and now you've got the style to match! Our classic taffeta cocktail dress is such a stunner, your critics will be too distracted to notice your latest embarrassing flub. Finish the look with these Ruby Red sling-back pumps, so elegant and alluring that even your husband will want to try them on!

Classic taffeta cocktail dress \$250

Ruby Red sling-back pumps \$300

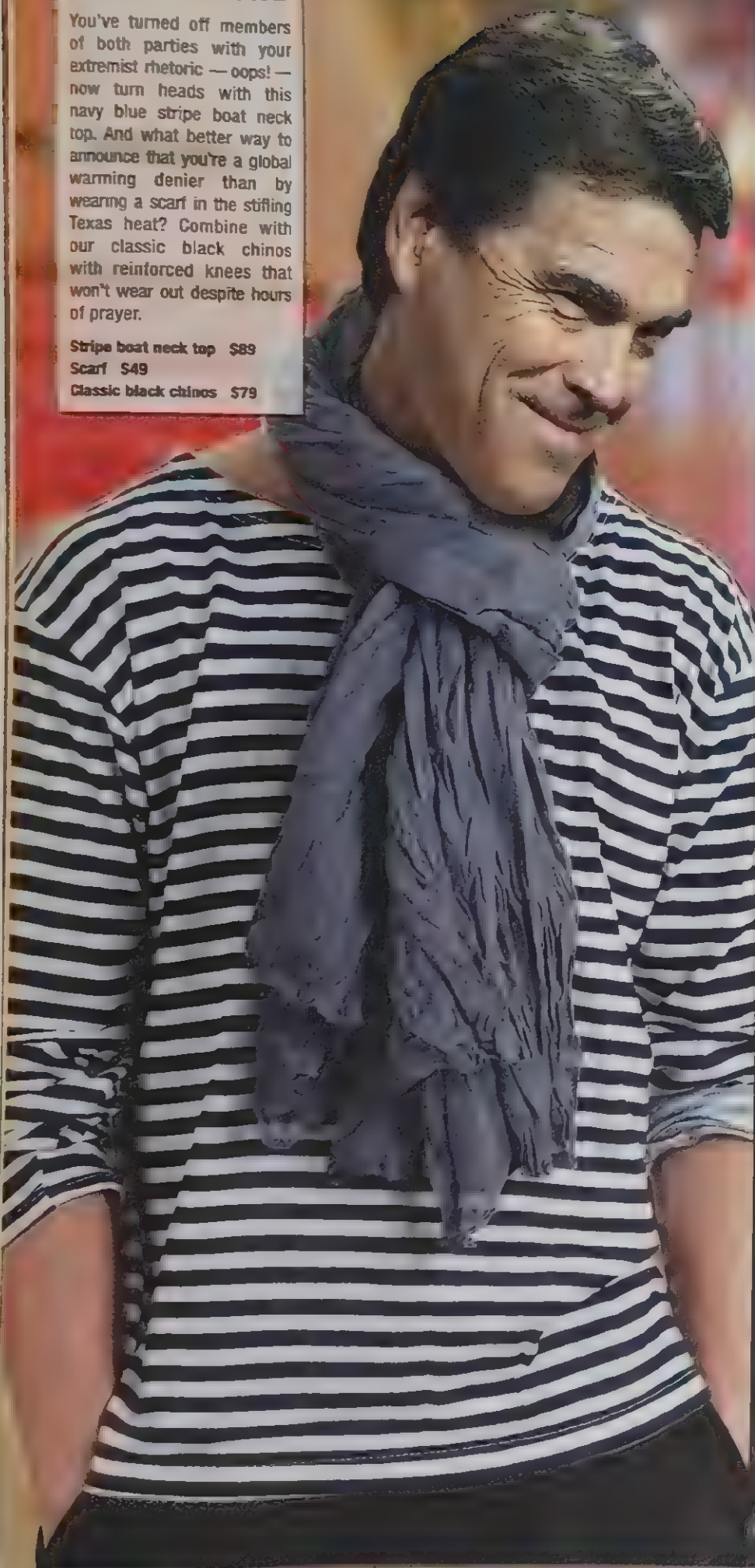
## RICK PERRY

You've turned off members of both parties with your extremist rhetoric — oops! — now turn heads with this navy blue stripe boat neck top. And what better way to announce that you're a global warming denier than by wearing a scarf in the stifling Texas heat? Combine with our classic black chinos with reinforced knees that won't wear out despite hours of prayer.

Stripe boat neck top \$89

Scarf \$49

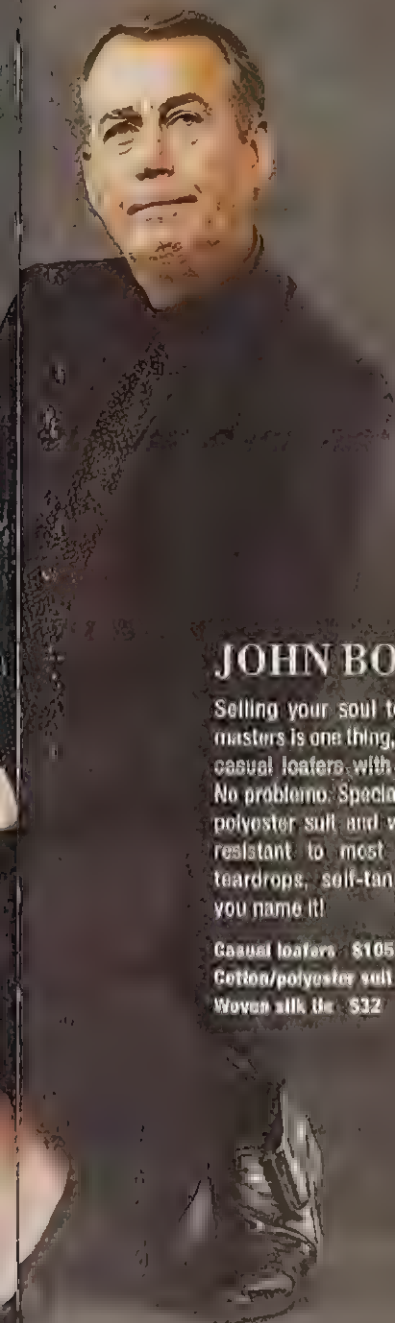
Classic black chinos \$79



## SARAH PALIN

Can you look like a million bucks even when the GOP isn't spending a million on your wardrobe? You betcha! Our strapless tube dress is ideal for work and play, whether you're shooting down Democratic initiatives or shooting wolves from a chopper. Best of all, Spandex knit is both flexible and substantial, even if you're neither.

Strapless tube dress \$175



## JOHN BOEHNER

Selling your soul to your corporate masters is one thing, but can you "sell" casual loafers with a business suit? No problemo. Specially treated cotton/polyester suit and woven silk tie are resistant to most stains, including teardrops, self-tanner, bourbon — you name it!

Casual loafers \$105

Cotton/polyester suit \$875

Woven silk tie \$32

## RON PAUL

Our charcoal blazer and silk/cotton v-neck sweater are defined by their authentic details and classic sensibility, while opponents define *you* by your shaky grasp of the Constitution and your embarrassing views on race and civil rights. You might be crazier than an outhouse rat, but there's nothing crazy about quality fabric at affordable prices!

Charcoal blazer \$350

Silk/cotton v-neck sweater \$160



## MITCH McCONNELL

You lack scruples, integrity and any semblance of a personality, but thanks to our eye-catching five-button sweater shirt, you'll never lack for compliments. Garment is both colorfast and loose-fitting, perfect for the man who's played fast and loose with millions of people's lives for pure political gain.

Five-button sweater shirt \$89

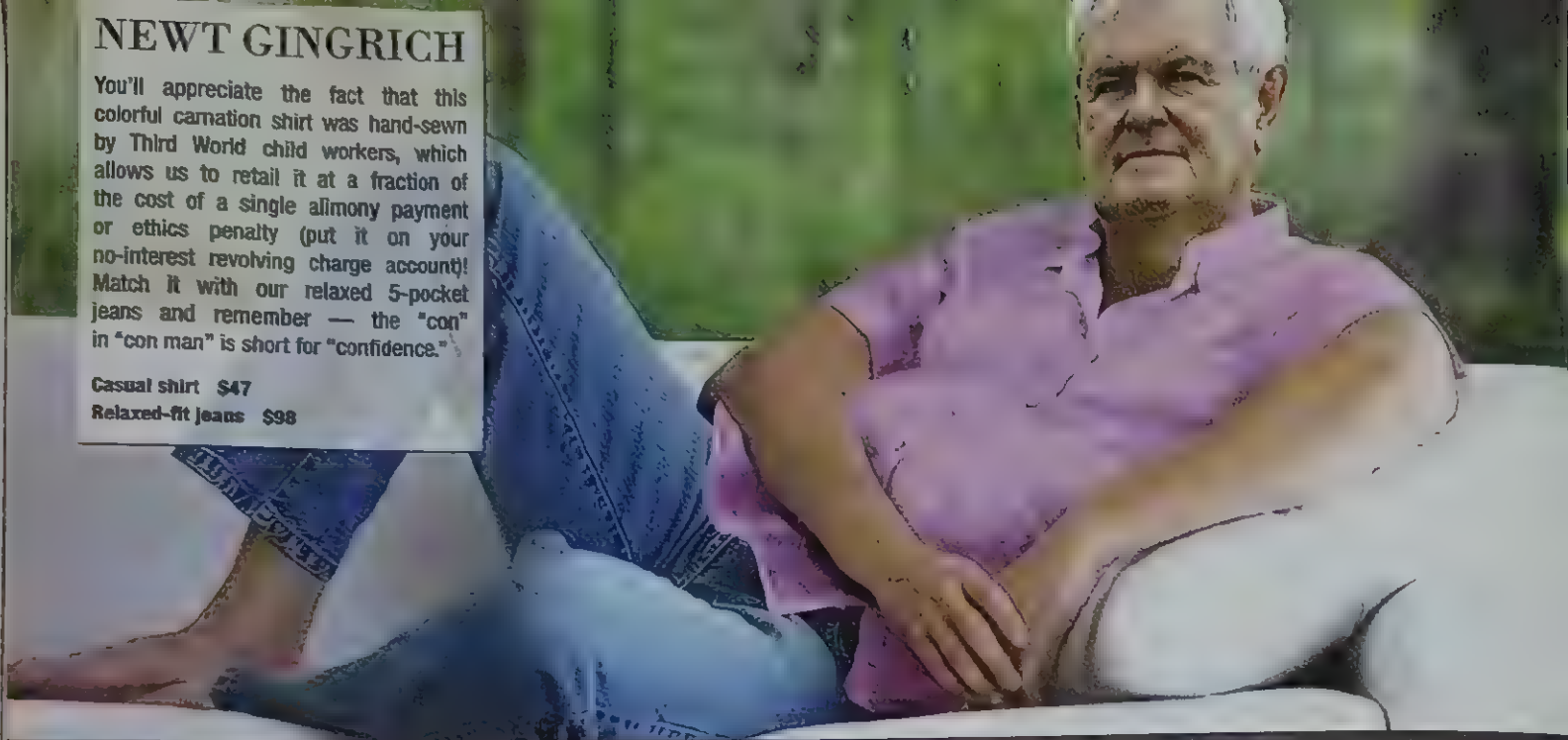


## NEWT GINGRICH

You'll appreciate the fact that this colorful carnation shirt was hand-sewn by Third World child workers, which allows us to retail it at a fraction of the cost of a single alimony payment or ethics penalty (put it on your no-interest revolving charge account)! Match it with our relaxed 5-pocket jeans and remember — the "con" in "con man" is short for "confidence."

Casual shirt \$47

Relaxed-fit jeans \$98

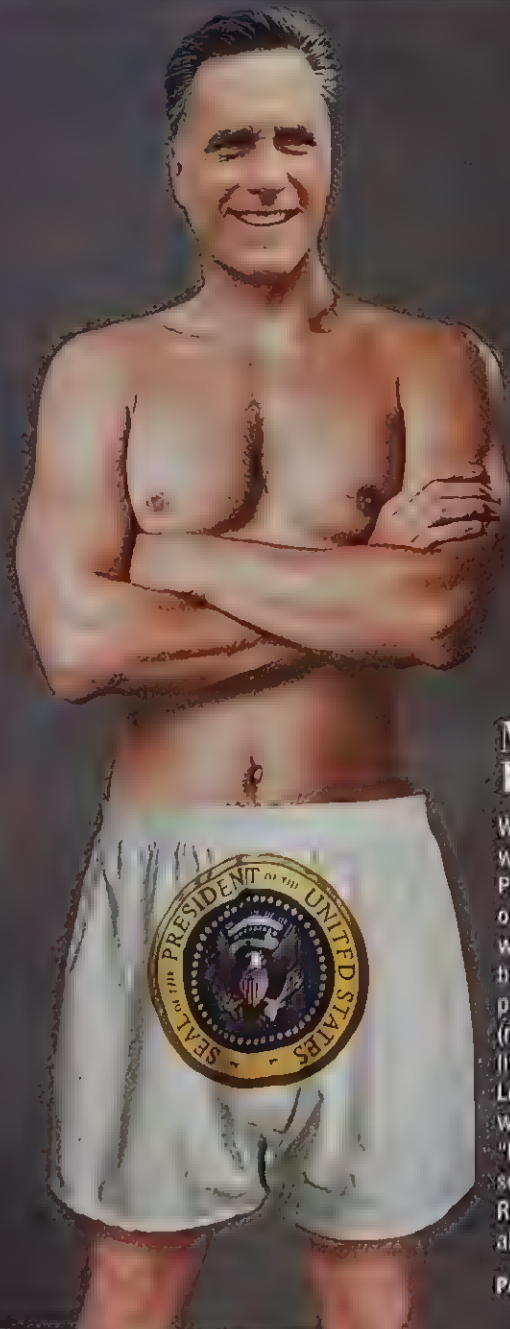


## RICK SANTORUM

Leading the fight against gays, reproductive rights and evolutionary science can be so exhausting. So when the workday is done, kick back and chill out in our funky multi-striped tank and madras shorts. Criss-cross pattern shorts also feature a front mini-coin pocket, slant pockets and back flap-welt pockets. Now that's intelligent design!

Striped tank-top \$36

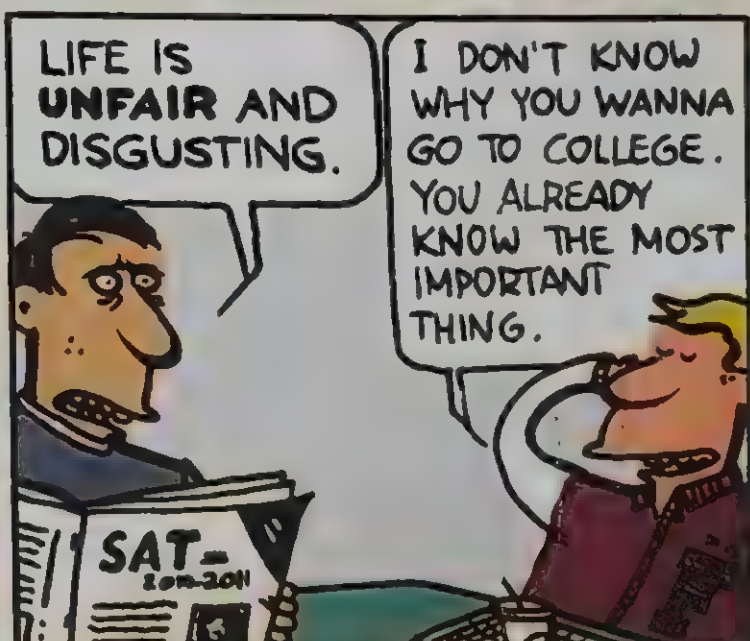
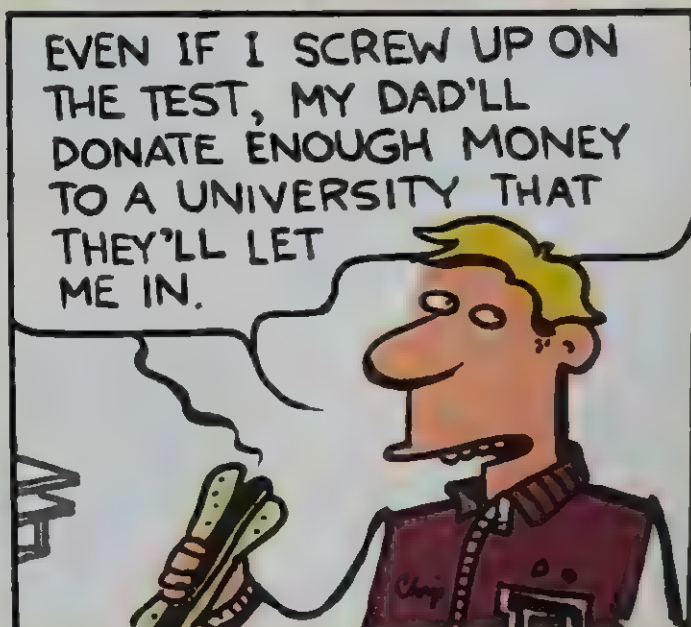
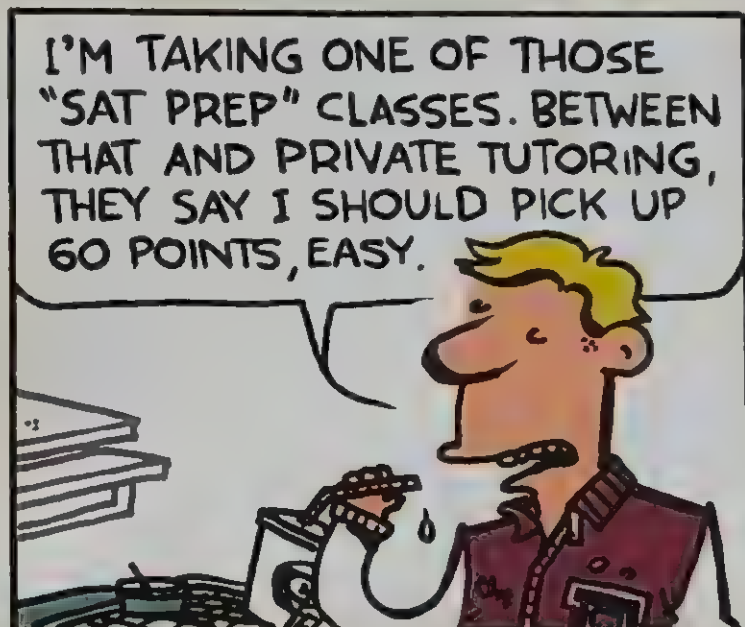
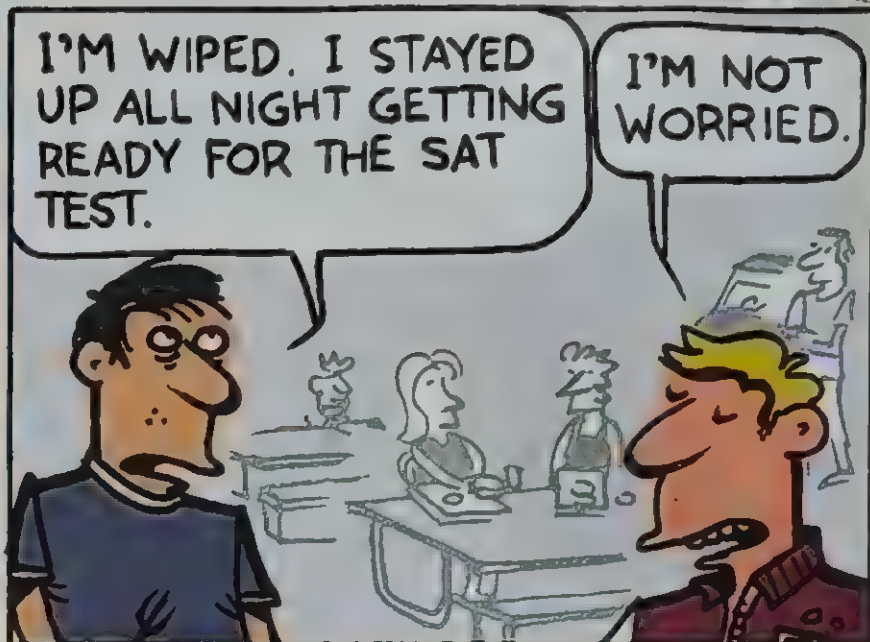
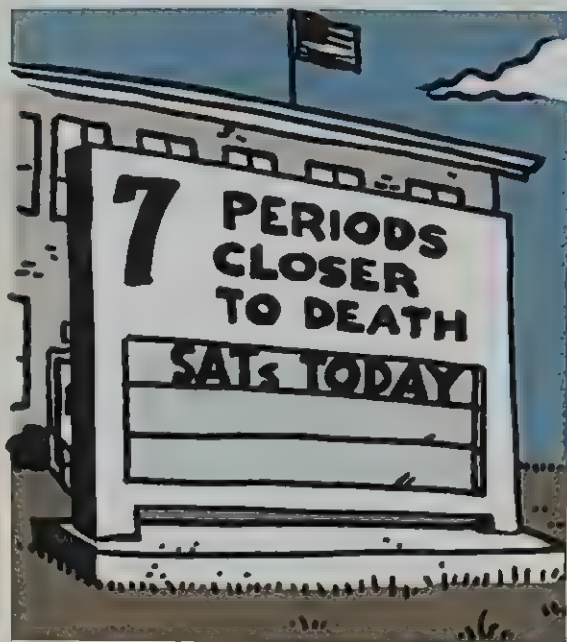
Madras shorts \$56



## MITT ROMNEY

What's the "empty suit" wearing beneath the suit? Put an end to any "boxers or briefs?" speculation with our stylish poplin boxers, featuring a fun presidential seal design (nothing wrong with a little wishful thinking!). Loose fit accommodates whichever way you're "leaning" that day. And did someone say "lightweight"? Relax. We're just talking about the fabric.


Poplin boxers \$32



# PLANET TAD!!!!

ABOUT ME » NAME: TAD » AGE: 44444444 » OPINION ON iCARLY: iDONT CARE

March 1, 2012

 In class today, I learned that the Big Dipper is part of a constellation called "Ursa Major", which means "big bear," because apparently, the Greeks thought the stars made the shape of a bear. Which means they looked at this:




And saw this:



I dunno. Either the Greeks were really creative, or bears used to look really different.

March 2, 2012

 So, I came home from school today, and my mom said, "I have two surprises for you!"

Which automatically made me nervous, because my mom never says "I have a surprise for you" when it's something good. And then she said, "Go into the den!" So I went in there, and there was a piano in it. "I was driving home and saw a sign that said 'PIANO - FREE TO GOOD HOME!'" she said. "I don't know why anyone would ever give away a piano, but I couldn't resist!" And I said, "None of us even play the piano." And she smiled and said, "No, not yet." And I said, "Oh, did you sign up for lessons?" And she said, "That's my second surprise for you!"


Yes. My mom has signed me up for piano lessons.

This is why I hate my mom's surprises.


March 4, 2012

 So, today was my first piano lesson. It was with a guy named Mr. Fitzhoff. He showed me which keys are which, and taught me how to play "Mary Had a Little Lamb". When I got home, I showed my sister Sophie. She said, "Oh, yeah! I remember learning to play that on the oboe! When I was six."

March 11, 2012

 Today was Daylight Savings Time, so at 2 AM, the clocks sprung forward. I never understand the name "Daylight Savings Time" - it's not like you get an extra hour of daylight out of it, or you're even saving any time for later. It's more like "Daylight Put An Extra Hour on the Clock So You Can Take It Back In Seven Months Time."

March 3, 2012

 My first piano lesson is tomorrow, but I've already figured out how to play three songs:

- 1) If you play any two notes on the low end of the piano, it's the theme from "Jaws".
  - 2) If you play any high note over and over and over again, it's the sound of a serial killer chasing someone through a house.
  - 3) If you pound down a bunch of keys all at once, it's someone falling down stairs in a cartoon.
- I don't know why people make such a big deal out of composing music. It turns out it's pretty easy.

Anyway. I was really hoping that my mom wouldn't notice, so I could miss my piano lesson. But before I even got up this morning, Sophie had gone around the house and re-set all the clocks, because that's the sort of awful, helpful thing my sister does.

My lesson went fine. Mr. Fitzhoff said that I should really practice more. I asked him how I'd know if I was practicing enough, and he said, "Well, when you can play more than three notes in a row correctly, that'd be a start." So that's good to know.

#### March 15, 2012

Today is the "Ides of March", which is a fancy way of saying "March 15." In English, Mr. Parker told us about this Shakespeare play where a soothsayer tells Julius Caesar, "Beware the ides of March," but he doesn't listen, and then he gets stabbed in the back by his best friend. I have to say: That's a pretty crappy soothsayer. Why couldn't he just say, "Hey, your friend's going to stab you in the back"?

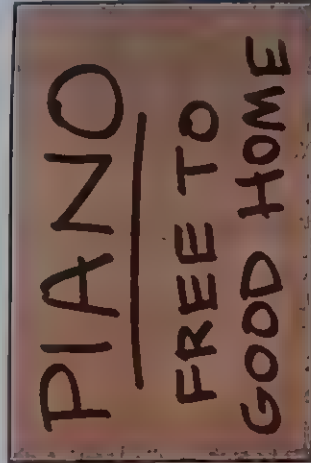


#### March 21, 2012

Another night of practicing. If anything, I'm making sure that "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is sounding even worse. My mom came in and asked me if Mr. Fitzhoff had taught me any other songs. I told her no, and then went back to playing it wrong.

#### March 23, 2012

Today, I sat down and practiced again — I've gotten to the point where I can play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" so badly, it doesn't even sound like a song anymore. After about a half an hour, my mom came in and said, "Tad? Honey? How much more do you think you'll be practicing today?" And I said, "My teacher says it sometimes takes years just to master one song." And her eye twitched a little, and then she said, "You know what? I'm thinking maybe music isn't where your gifts lie. Maybe we should find another hobby for you." So I acted all sad, and then I went up to my room and made a sign:



I think we  
might be using  
it soon.

#### March 18, 2012

Piano lesson again today. I don't think Mr. Fitzhoff likes me. Mainly because, when I showed up, he sighed and said, "Oh, right. You." He said that I really should practice a lot more, if I want to get any better at playing the piano. He told me that, when he was a kid, he practiced for two hours every day. And I said, "Wow. So you must've really wanted to be a piano teacher when you grew up, huh?" And he paused for a really long time, and then said, "Sure."

#### March 20, 2012

Tonight at dinner, my mom said, "Tad, I don't notice you practicing the piano very much." And I said, "Yeah, I keep meaning to, but I never have the time." And she said, "You watched all of 'Hawaii Five-O' last night. You could've practiced then." And I was just about to say, "Yeah, but I can't play really well. Nobody wants to hear me practice." But that gave me an idea.

Tonight, after dinner, I sat down and practiced the piano. I practiced "Mary Had a Little Lamb," over and over, for a solid two hours. I never played it right once.

#### March 22, 2012

Still more practicing. Tonight, my mom was in the next room, watching "Top Chef", and I could tell it was beginning to annoy her, because she started turning the TV volume up. So I practiced even louder. And the more she turned up the TV, the louder I practiced.

Let's face it, you need to get in shape. But you can't do it alone — you're the one who got yourself into this mess! (Remember cheeseburger pinocakes? That was YOUR idea!) You're gonna need a trainer! But before you pick one, you'd better keep an (increasingly-fat) eye out for these...

Oh, *THOSE* reps. I thought we were talking about lizards and stuff.

He asks what you mean by "reps."



# Clues You've Hired A Not-So-

I look fat today, don't I?  
I am so GROTESQUE!

Her self-esteem is lower than yours.



Jeesh, you know it looks really mild out, and that can lead to cramping. I think we should just do some stretches and make some healthy smoothies.



Shouldn't we at least watch, like, an exercise show?

Nope. You burn the same amount of calories watching the OTB channel.

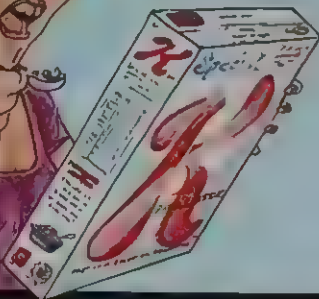


You're not getting the motivation you were counting on.

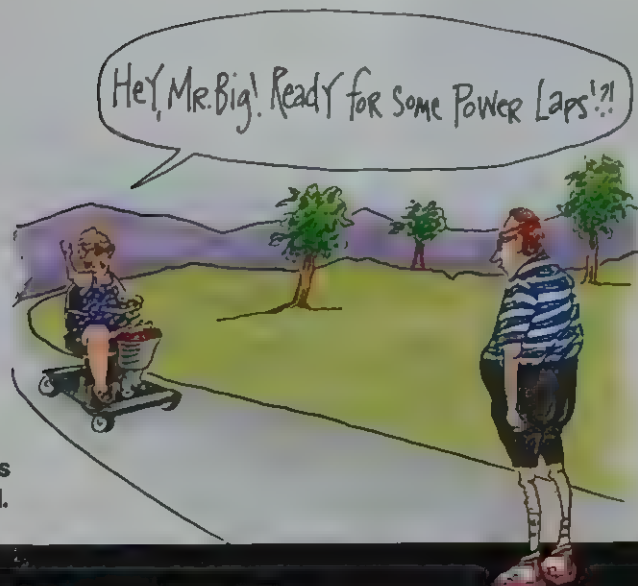
When it's time to exercise, she's even better at making excuses than you are.



You find your "Personalized Nutrition Plan" is also on the back of a box of Special K.



She shows up to your sessions on a Hoveround.



Hey, Mr. Big! Ready for some Power Laps!?!

# Certified Personal Trainer

So, this will replenish my electrolytes?

Um, oh, totally- and it washes down nachos Really good too.

You've never heard of re-hydrating with Dr Pepper before.



Whoa- perfect form! Are you sure you never did this before?



He swears the bean bag chair gets far better results than the yoga ball.

...Yeah, it acts as a calming agent to your exhausted heart.

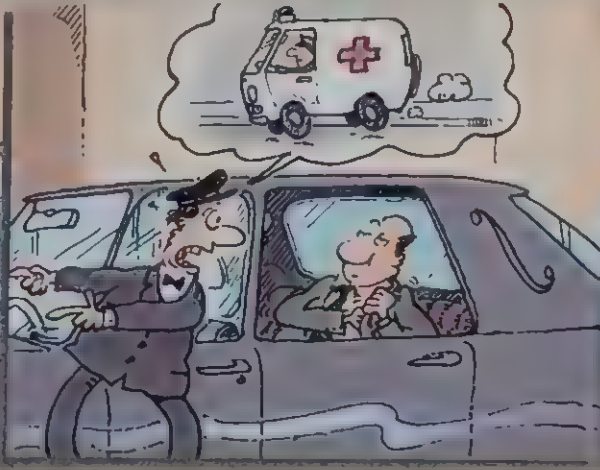
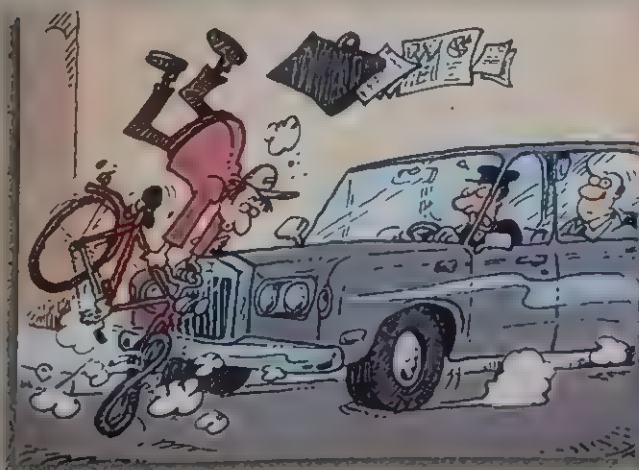
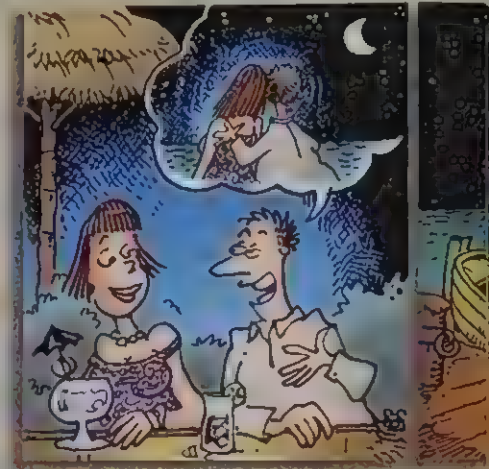
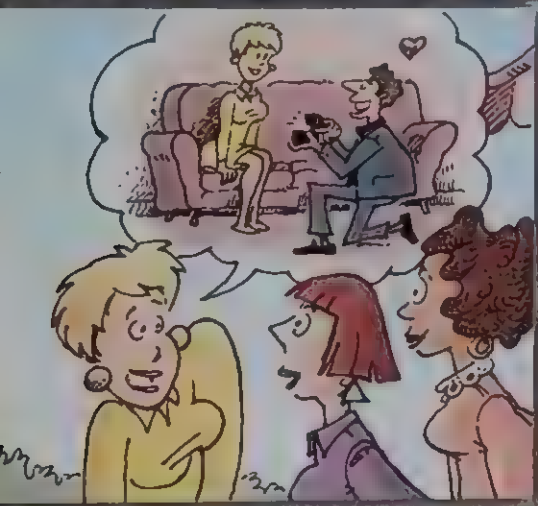
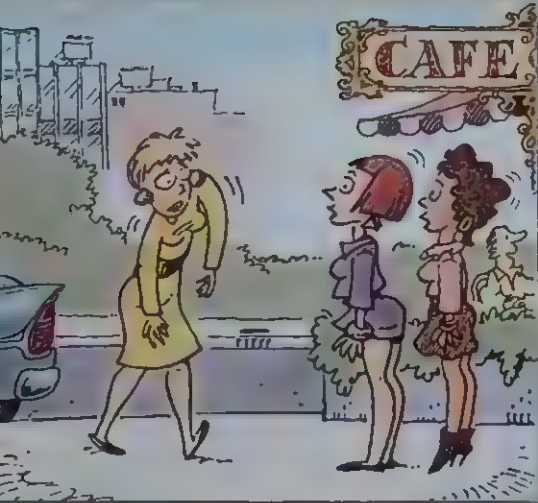


Part of the "cool down" is a Marlboro Light.

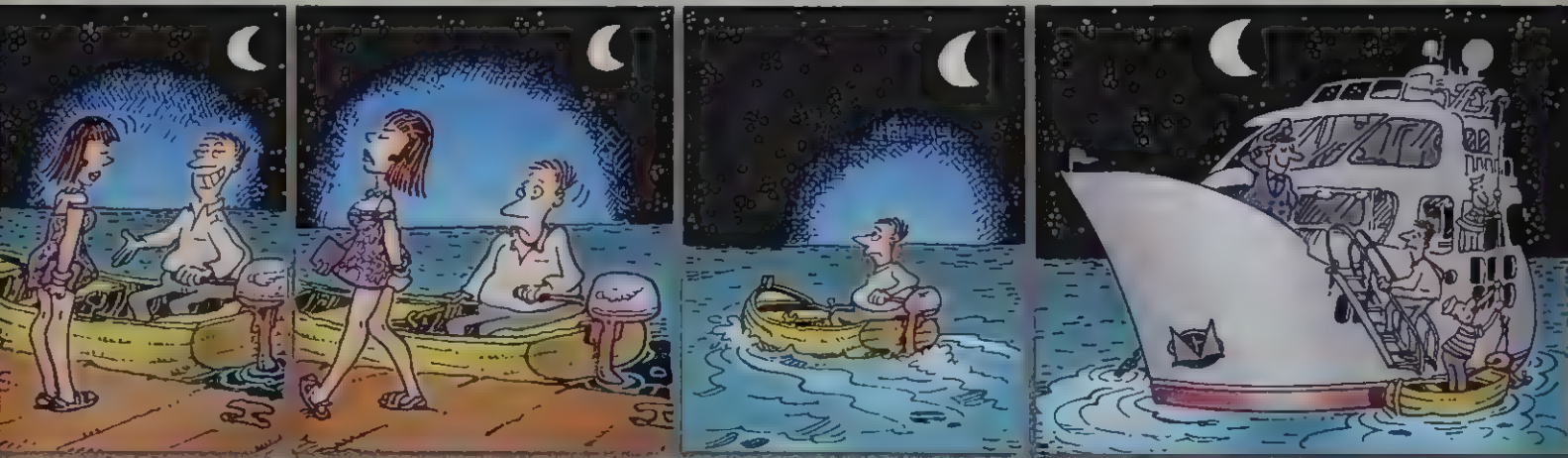
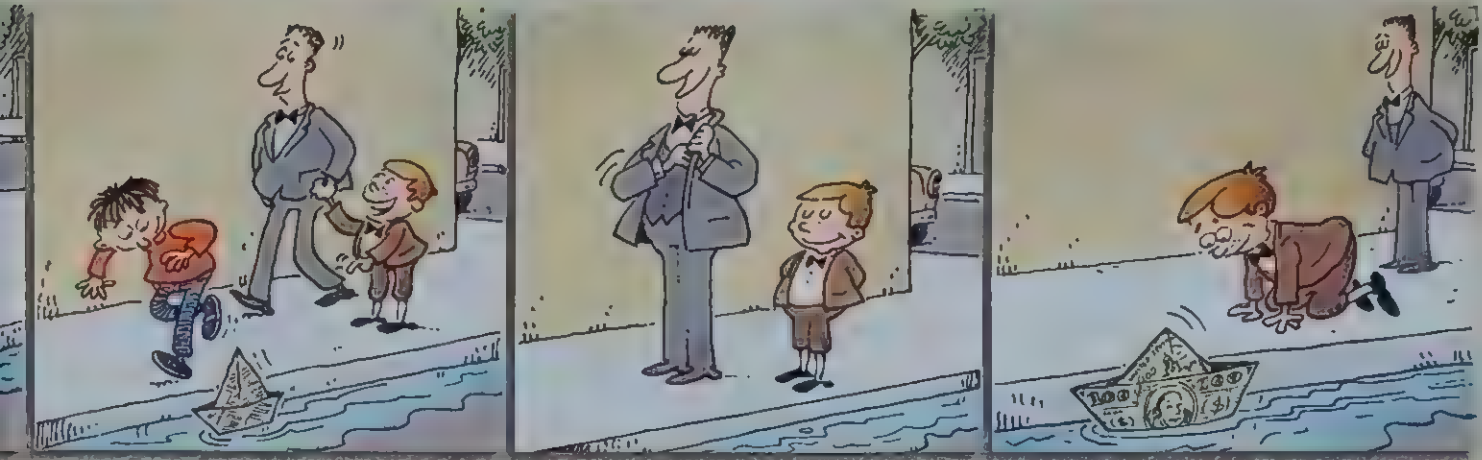
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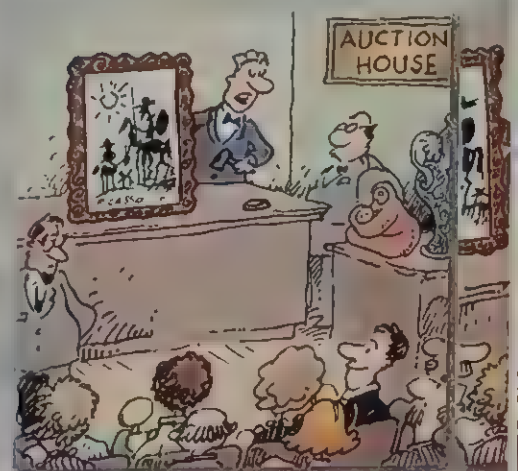
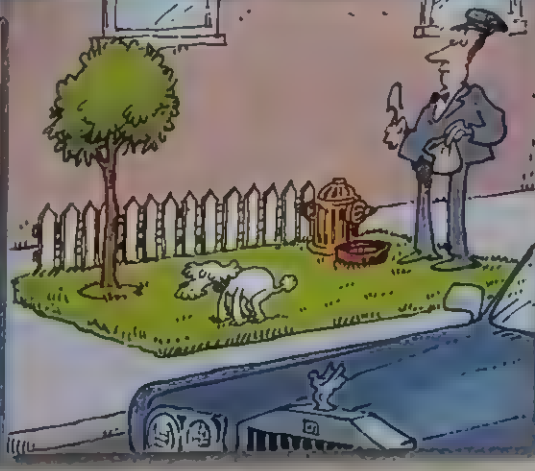
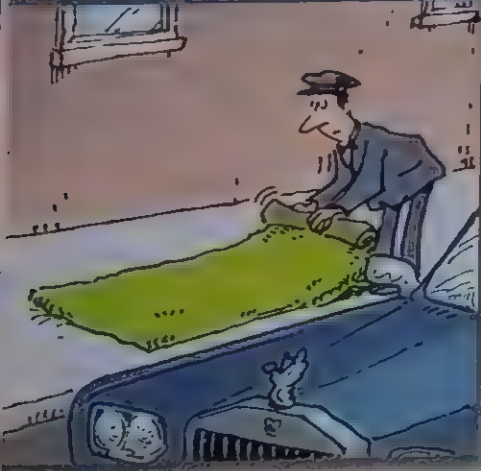
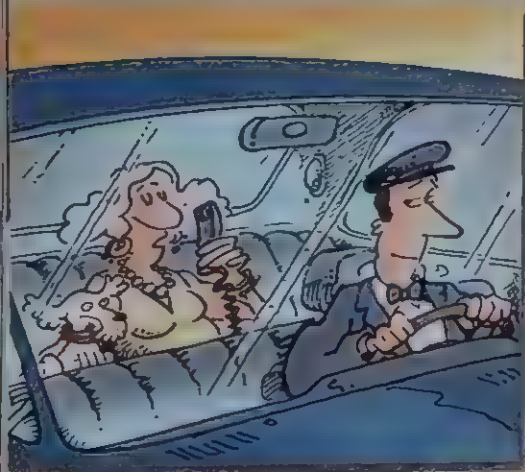
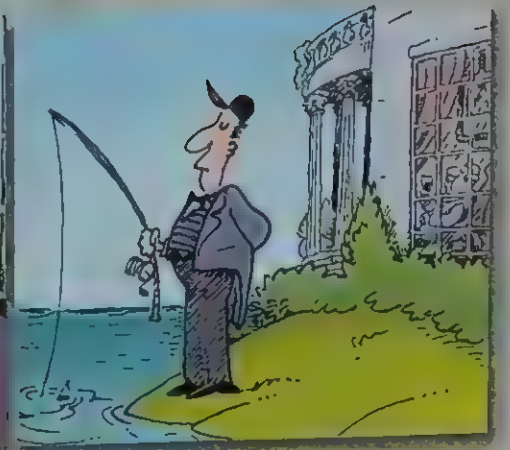
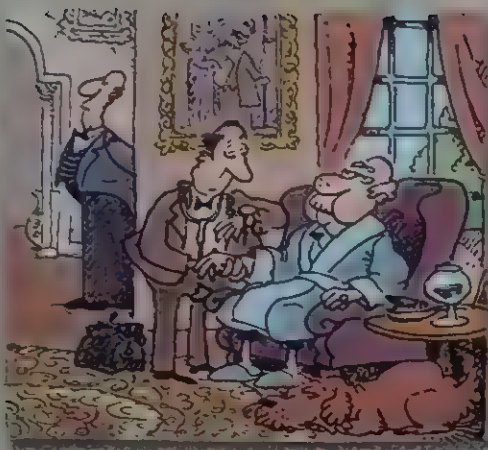
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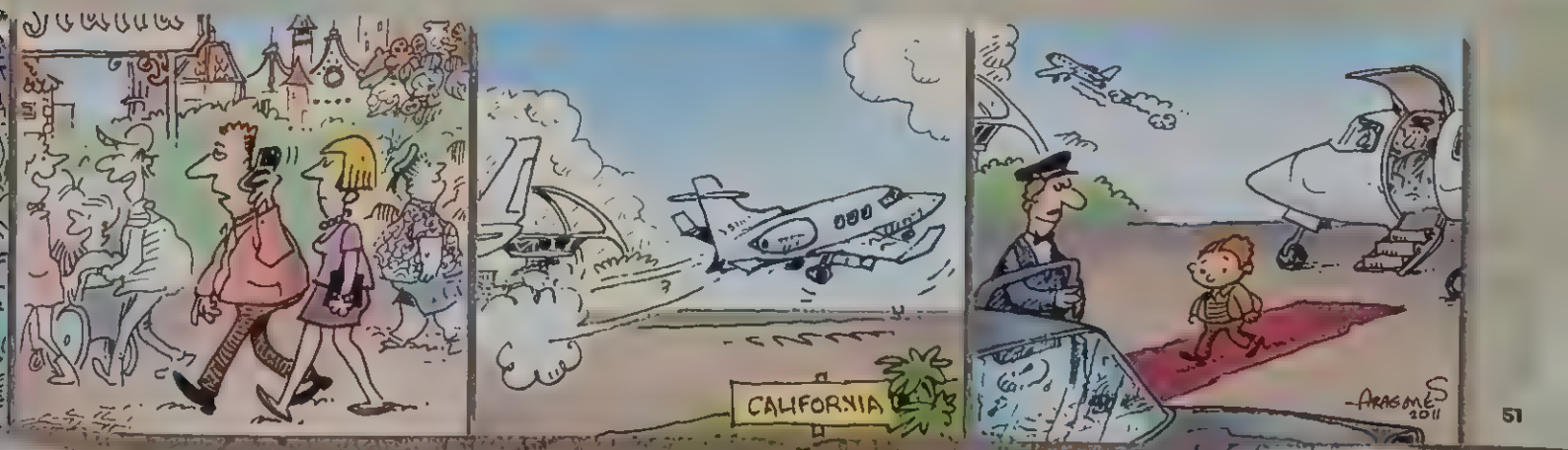
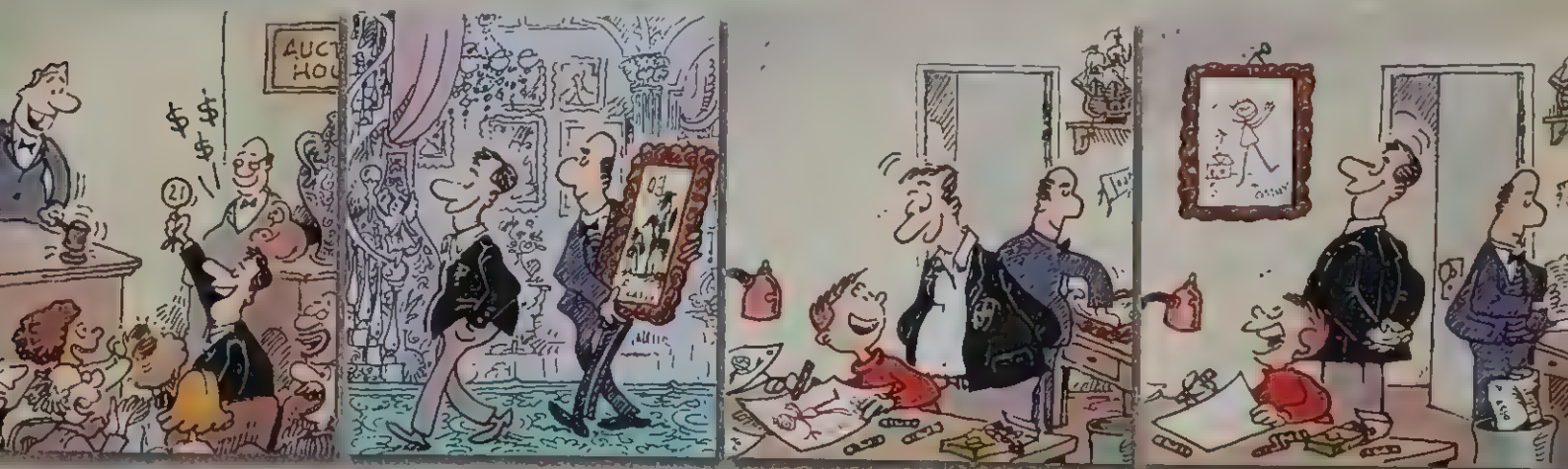


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Unemployment is currently at a whopping 8.5%. And if you're looking for a reason why, and you're willing to disregard things like grossly-incompetent government officials, evil corporate greed, horrendously-bad trade agreements and institutional corruption on every level, the reason why so many people are out of work becomes crystal clear: it's all the American worker's fault! These out-of-work knuckleheads go into a prospective employer's office woefully unprepared and quickly kill any chance they ever had of being hired when they open their big, fat mouths and pose these...

# INAPPROPRIATE

Do you mind if we don't shake hands? I'm waiting for some test results.

What's the policy on office relationships? Because that receptionist is one filly I'd like to ride to the finish line, if you know what I mean!

How quick do the medical benefits kick in? Because my wife is looking to get stripper boobs!

Are there security cameras in the supply closet?

I noticed the "Employees Must Wash Hands" sign in the bathroom. That only applies if I'm preparing food, right?

Is it technically sexual assault if I'm caught doing it to myself?

Do the office computers block adult sites? Because I have a second job of sorts that I might have to check up on from time to time.

Are you ticklish? You look ticklish.

# QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING A JOB INTERVIEW



Would the job involve any travel? Because I'm quite fond of the magic hands of a certain TSA agent.

Before I start a working relationship with you, I must know... Team Edward or Team Jacob?

If you were to hypothetically die in a horrible accident, where am I on the list, hypothetically, to replace you?

Do you think I should get this mole checked out?

Just how casual is "Casual Friday"? Because I tend to be more productive when I'm not wearing pants.

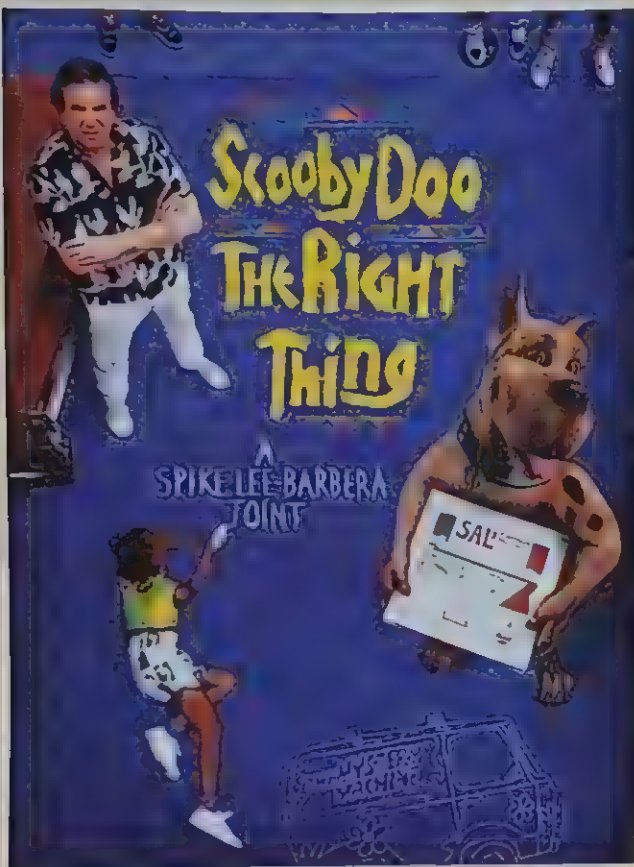
Where do YOU see yourself in 5 years?

Tom BUNK

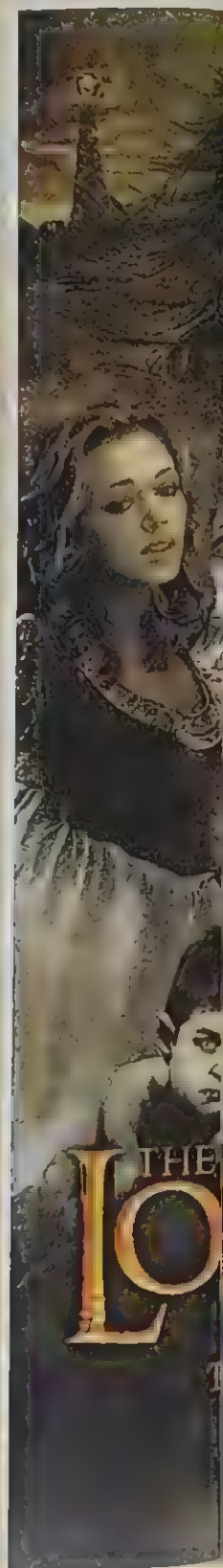
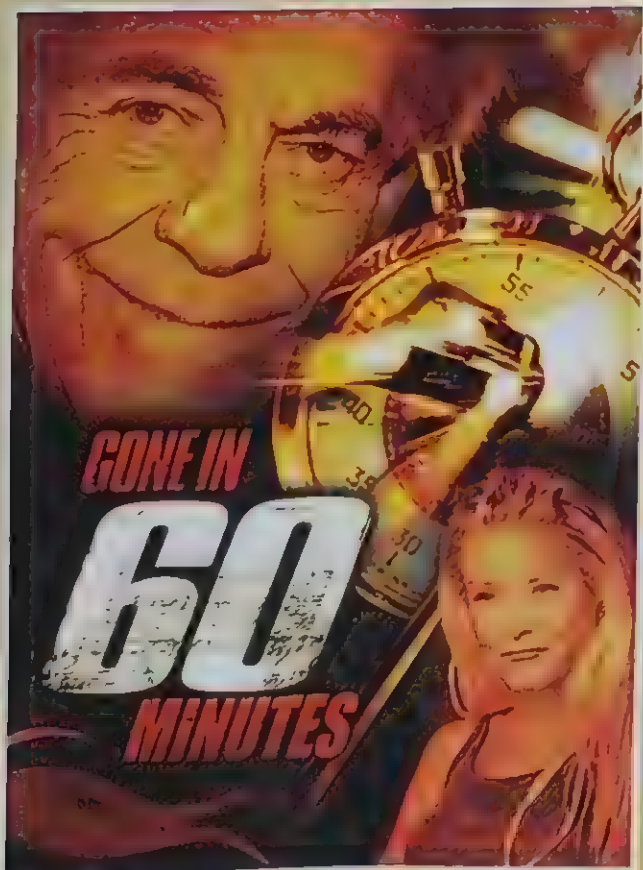
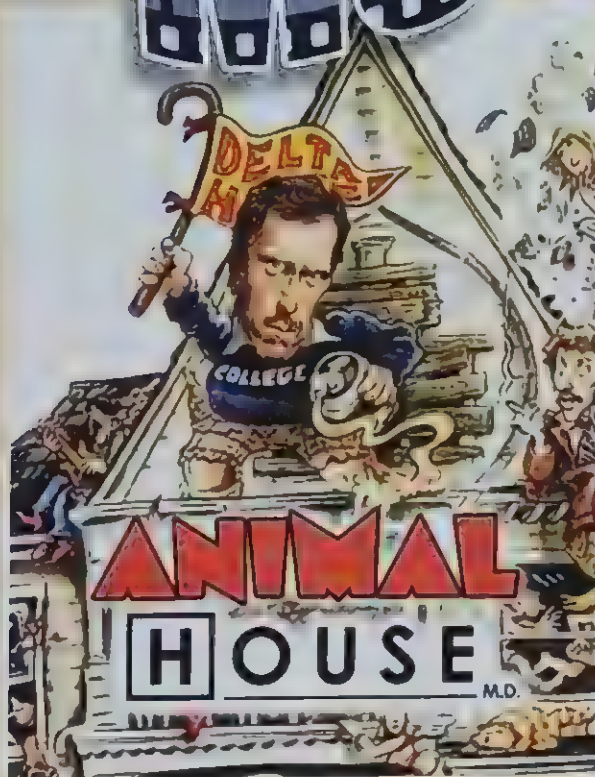


# BIRTH OF A COMBINATION DEPT.

A few issues back we published a scathing indictment on the unimaginative film industry and its propensity to make sequel upon sequel upon sequel. We continue our puckish criticism of this horrendous practice with this sequel article...

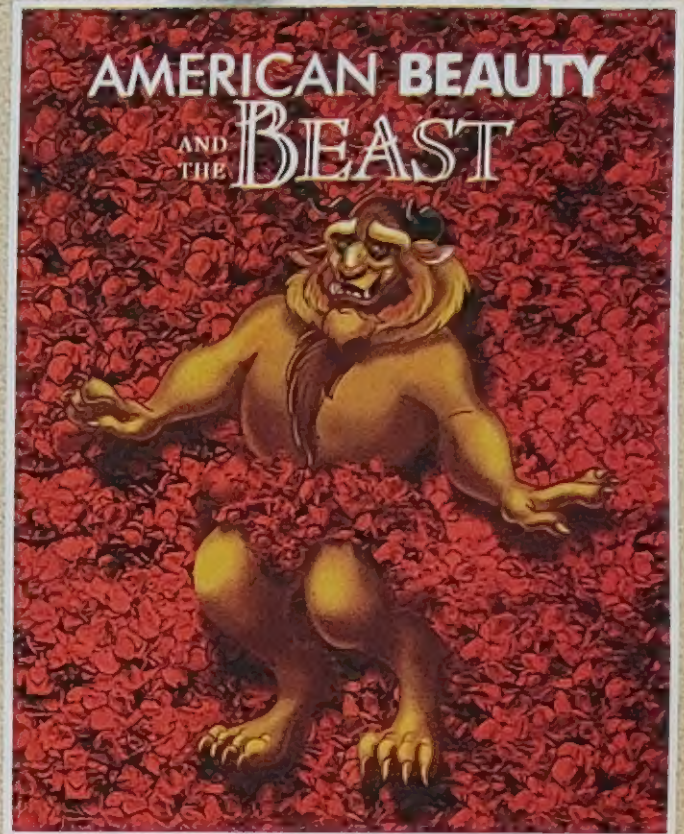


# MORE MOVIE



# MASHUPS

WE'D HATE TO SEE



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# Love is...

**SPECIAL  
MIKE & MOLLY  
EDITION**

Love is...



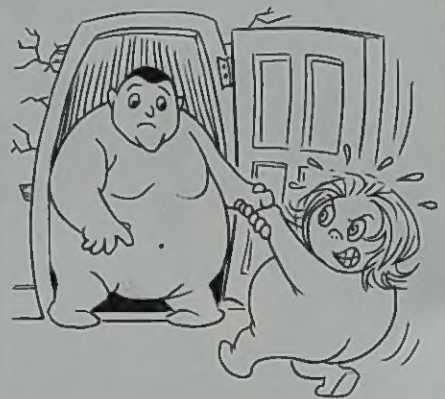
...letting him have the last quart of tartar sauce.

Love is...



...resisting the urge to chew and swallow when tongue-kissing.

Love is...



...lending a hand.

Love is...



...letting her go first.

Love is...



...driving the all-you-can-eat restaurant out of business...together.

Love is...



...letting your inner child out to play.

Love is...



...counting each other's rolls of fat.

Love is...



...saying you're sorry.

WHAT POLITICAL  
MOVEMENT HAVE  
POLITICIANS FROM  
BOTH PARTIES  
EMBRACED?

## HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

These are tumultuous political times. The country is divided, and every day there's a new group or ideology that unites some people while alienating others. For a politician, it's an art form to ingratiate yourself with these people without being despised by their opponents. Thankfully, there's at least one movement that every politician — regardless of party — is able to agree on!



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TODAY, POLITICAL FIGHTS ARE BITTER. WE ALL ACHIE  
FOR MORE CIVILITY. BUT WHAT WE GET IS NASTY LIP  
SERVICE BLAMING EACH OTHER. THEY ALL KEEP  
FLINGING HEAPING AMOUNTS OF MUD WITHOUT STOP

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